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SUBJECT.

Your notes of Albion Rajkumar Banerji Esq

Bearer of Ivory

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Re disposal of petitions presented to him during the tour

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Tour notes of Abbim Raj Kumar Banerji Esqr
Dewan of Mysore

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NOTES—First Sheet.

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REPLY

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated. 12th October 1922.

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The different branches of the Secretariat will take note of all the promises made by the Dewan in reply to the several addresses presented to him during his last tour and issue necessary official memoranda or Government orders confirming those promises, so that action may be taken in the several Departments in due course. Time - 15 days.

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The Chief Secretary to Government,

with compliments.

Action to promises was made at various places by Dewan with reference to.

accept the memo. should be sent to each Br. in continuation of the one already issued by C.S.

Put up dft at once. The one referred to is also in the file and has to issue immediately

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Issue at once

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REPLY

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

Camp Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated. 25th. Sept.....1922.

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With reference to the replies made by me to the addresses presented during my last tour, the Secretariat should tabulate the promises made with reference to the various subjects dealt with and send extx extracts to the respective branches to work up and submit for final orders without further delay.

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The Chief Secretary to Government,
with compliments.

~~Copy of Dewan's reply is enclosed.~~
~~Remarks and proceedings.~~
2 Kms and assay the notes
papers.

3 P.S. Draft copies

A copy of each of the Addresses and of the replies thereto is put up- except the Chikballapur Address which is not available. (The Dewan's reply to this is put up).

A copy of this address was sent along with the Press Note and this may be utilised if possible.

4 Chf Sec with Copies 26/9/22

5 Secy Please speak to me

6 Dewan's Speech to be translated for action as instructed

Dft. tabular statement & 2 copies
The extracts are prepared & sent as instructed.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
Date OCT 20 [illegible]
Reg. No. 2331

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation sheet draft form.)

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Note dated 25th Sept. 1922 by the Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Resident Councillor, Poona :—

(Here enter Note)

The accompanying Extract relating to the [illegible] is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Department for Land Acquisition, Bombay.

By order,

Assistant to the Secretary to Government.

Note
In cases where a decision is mentioned send Extract Book.

WD 2230—GPB—1,00,000—23-7-20

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	Tiptur (Municipal Council address)	Cocoanut cultivation.		
		The desire on the part of the people to further develop cocoanut cultivation is certainly one that ought to receive the support and encouragement of the Government. The question is how that encouragement should be given. The Sugeestion that is made in your address that all suitable lands available whether in the Excise reserves or in the Amrut Mahal Kavals should be thrown open for cultivation will be examined.		
		But the question of finding suitable lands will be referred to by me to Dr. Coleman, Director of Agriculture and as it is likely that further lands which are suitable for cultivation will be released by the Amrut Mahal department owing to the reduction of the Amrut Mahal herds under the the scheme of retrenchment. I shall see that the scheme for cocoanut cultivation and further development of the cocoanut industry in this neighbourhood is carefully considered in allotting lands that will henceforward be set free.		

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	~~Action~~ to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	Tiptur (Municipal Council address) Chickanahally (Opening of the Krishnarajendra Vyavasaya Pathsala)	It is only in the fitness of things that the school, which was opened by his Highness' august brother, His Highness the Yuvaraja six years ago, should now come to be established on a more firm footing, and I hope that the school with the co-operation of yourself and other leading men of this neighbourhood may one day be a central institution for all the middle school agricultural institution for all the Malnad districts of Mysore. Indeed as you have handed over the whole endowment, buildings and appurtenances to Government, the Government must do their part of their duty in this respect. It will, I am sure, be now developed as a Government institution with increased staff and equipment and the necessary provision year after year for further development and progress. In that respect, I can give the assurance as head of the administration that so far as any assistance that may be required from Government is concerned, it will come forth in due course.	Grant, etc. to Chickanahally agricultural School	

Sl. No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	TIPTUR (Municipal Council address)	As regards the establishment of a High School, I can only repeat the assurance that I have given to the townspeople of Maddagiri that if the people here would guarantee at leat 30 pupils for the 4th From, I shall consult the Education department and advise them to make a beginning for the establishment of the Upper secondary classes in the Tiptur town.		

Sl. No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	~~Action~~ to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	TIPTUR (Municipal Council address)	The second point referred to by you is the question of the transfer of the Additional Munisff's court now located at Tumkur to Tiptur. I understand that when the same representation was made on a previous occasion, the reply given was that the Munsiff's court at Tumkur was still a temporary one. It has not been definitely decided that it should be made permanent. When Government pass final orders as to the permanent retention of that court, the question of removing it to Tiptur would be duly considered. But I may indicate the possibility of not retaining the court as a permanent measure.		

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	Tiptur (Municipal Council address)	The question of posting an Assistant Surgeon to the local dispensary is a purely departmental matter. I shall however consult the Senior Surgeon and see whether your want in this respect cannot be met.		

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Deptt. responsible
		Kolar water-Supply Scheme		
	Kolar (Address of the Municipal Council)	If you are satisfied, in the immediate future, with a modest scheme of a Sand Filter for the supply of water that comes to your town under the existing system at a ~~cost~~ cost of between Rs.25,000 and Rs.30,000, I shall be indiscreet and promise you that next year the Government will contribute a half of that sum.		

Rw Sec 4 w comments
to P.W. Sec 4

Sl. No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Deptt. responsible.
	Maddagiri Municipal Council	Opening of a branch line connecting Goribidanur and Tumkur via Maddagiri ------ But this project of connecting Maddagiri with the existing system is quite a feasible one and if at any future time it is found possible for the State to provide capital, there is no reason why this extension should not be taken up		
		Conversion of the local Anglo-Vernacular school into a High School. -------- If about 30 boys can be guaranteed by the local people for the High School classes, then gradually one High School class each year may be opened.		

Rly Secy in Consultation with P.W.D.

Sl. No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	~~Action to be taken~~	Sectt. responsible
	Maddagiri (Municipal Council address)	Conversion of the local A.V. school into a High school.		

If about 30 boys can be guaranteed by the local people for the High school classes, then gradually one High school class each year may be opened.

Chief Sec
Edn Dept.

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made.	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible.
	Tumkur (Municipal Council)	Tumkur Water-supply schme. It strikes me that if the Municipal Council make a definite proposal that they will place Rs.80,000 in cash in the hands of Government and finance the remaining ~~Rs.000000~~ Rs.70,000 either by raising a loan or by any other means at their command, I shall try my best to get the scheme sanctioned by Government and commence work in the year 1923-24.	Revise 4 in consultation with P.W.D.	
		Supply of electric power to Tumkur town. If the Council will, in view of all that has passed, formulate a reasonable proposition which will ensure, as they suggest in the address, a fair return on the capital investment, there is no reason why Government should not favorably consider the same.		
		Construction of a Maternity. I understand now that the Senior Surgeon has approved of an extension to the present Female dispensary to accommodate 12 in-patients with the necessary labour and out-houses at an estimated cost of Rs.11000. The District Board and Municipality also, I understand, have promised to contribute their quota. If the position is as stated by me, then I have no doubt that Government will also come forward with their quota to make this revised scheme an accomplished fact in the near future.	Rev	

Sl. No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	~~Action to be taken~~	Sectt. responsible
	Tumkur Municipal Council address)	Supply of electric power to Tumkur Town.		

If the Council will, in view of all that has passed, formulate a reasonable proposition which will ensure as they suggest in the address, a fair return on the capital investment, there is no reason why Government should not favorably consider the same.

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	Tiptur (Municipal Council address)	Location of the headquarters of the Revenue Sub Division at Tiptur.		

It cannot be gainsaid that Tiptur is a very important taluk in this (Gubbi) Sub-Division. I think it is the most populous also of all the Municipal towns in the district outside the headquarters. I consider that in these circumstances your request is not an unreasonable one. But at the same time, the change of headquarters of revenue officers entails a lot of confusion and expenditure. Evidently, a new office building will have to be constructed at Tiptur and at the present moment, you cannot expect me to give you any promise that in the near future Government will be able to spend money for the transfer. But in the general readjustment of Revenue to taluk charges and improvement in the district administration, in regard to which I am now making a detailed study, I give you a promise that I shall bear in mind your request and see if it cannot be favoraoly considered.

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	[illegible]	Sectt. responsible

Tiptur
(Municipal Council address)

Question of water-supply.

A trial bore hole was made on the [illegible] tank bed close to the town to a depth of 80 feet at a cost of Rs.750. The Sanitary dept. then proposed that a well of 10 feet diameter may be first sunk at the trial bore and if that proved satisfactory, further work may be done. I am glad that the Municipal Council has accepted this and Government have accordingly sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.2000 last June for sinking an experimental well on the bore site. All I can say at present is that if this experiment proves successful, we shall give orders to the [illegible] Water-supply division of the P.W.Dept. to prepare detailed estimates for a satisfactory water-supply project for the town and when we ascertain what the cost would be, we shall consult your Council and come to a settlement as to providing ways and means on the general principle already adopted by Government, viz. as far as funds permit in any particular year, they will contribute half the cost for the project.

Receive consideration
No fees

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action to be taken	Sectt. responsible
	Davangere	Construction of the Davangere High School - Promises to pass orders to supplement the public subscriptions by a grant from the P.W. Budget		Chief Sec^{y}. (Edn)
		Cost of acquisition of the site for constructing the High school building - Promises to pay half the cost of acquisition.		— do —
		Provision of a Women's hospital in Davangere town Promises to expedite the estimates and to issue orders to further the scheme as far as possible.		Rev Sec^{y} in Consultation with P-W Sec^{y}
		Provision of decent buildings for the educational institutions of Davangere town - Promises to consider the claim of Davangere for a reasonable share.		Chief Sec^{y}. (Edn)

Sl.No.	Locality	Statement of promise made	Action taken	Dett. responsible
	Chitaldrug	Resumption of the Local fund and Mohatarfa revenue - Promises to reconsider the matter on looking into the finances of the Chitaldrug District Board.		No further action necessary.
		Project for the supply of good drinking water - Promises to give at least half the contribution as soon as the finances of any one year permit.		Revenue.
		Filling up of the trenches around Chitaldrug - Promises to make a special grant if the Municipal Council will prepare a detailed scheme and give a substantial grant out of their own resources		Revenue.
		Opening of an University Entrance class in Chitaldrug town - Promises to consult the I.G.E.		Chief Secy. (Edn.)
		Provision of a decent building for the Hindustani school at Chitaldrug.		— do —
		Grazing facilities - Promises to remember the case of Chitaldrug in passing final orders on the proposal regarding the enhancement of grazing fees		Revenue.

DEWAN'S REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF W
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND THE RES
ON THE 18th Augt.

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Mr. President of the Tumkur Municipal Cou
Municipal Council, and gentlemen,

I cannot find adequate words to thank yo
splendid reception you have accorded to me
your important town after my appointment as
I am fully conscious of the honor you have do
spontaneous good-will that has manifested itse
sion; and I most sincerely thank you all for th
and also for the congratulations that have been
my appointment, in the Address. Mr. President, I
moderation of your address in that it mentions bu
very few, matters of public importance which are a
tating the minds of the people of Tumkur. You will
expect me to give a ready answer to all those quest
are questions which depend largely on administrativ
connected with public expenditure of the whole State will
try and deal with them as briefly as possible and give some
indication of what the Government have been trying to in
respect of those matters.

The first and foremost naturally is the water-supply scheme
I confess that you have a reasonable ground for complaint in
regard to this matter. I know that the scheme has been under
correspondence between the municipal authorities, the P.W. Dept
and the Local Self-government Department for the last 5 or 6
years. I know that the Government had once passed an order in
the year 1920-21 sanctioning the scheme. It is natural there-
fore, for you to feel a little bit impatient that even after
the order of sanction was passed and even after the Municipal
Council came forward with a true spirit of self-help to offer
half the cost of the scheme, nothing has so far been done.
Well. I do not wish on this occasion to defend the policy of
Government, a policy of inaction, in this respect. I only w

you to consider that we have been labouring, as you know, under very great financial stress. It was quite easy for us to sanction a scheme in respect of which half the expenditure could have been met immediately from the sum placed at the disposal of the Department of Public Works by the Municipality. But unless we could see clearly our way to finance the remaining portion of the scheme, I think you will agree, that it would obviously be inexpedient to commence a large and important project like this and leave it incomplete, with a view to resume its execution on some future occasion. I think that would have cost great bitterness and greater disappointment. I desire to put before you now a feasible plan and I wish that during my stay here, the President and the members of the Municipal Council will kindly make it convenient to meet me and informally discuss the scheme and the plan that I put before you. The scheme is expected to cost roughly about 3 lakhs of rupees. It is possible that it may cost more. The last estimate went up to the figure of 4 lakhs but I fancy that that was owing to th very high price of materials that was prevailing at the time in the market and that that estimate could now be appreciably reduced in view of the fall in the price of those materials the present time. Taking therefore, a more or less average timate for the work under contemplation, the Municipal Counc has to finance 50 per cent of 3 lakhs. I presume that they ready to do it. I understand also that they have in cash 80,000 deposited in the Mysore Bank as a fixed deposit. Th want another Rs.70,000. It strikes me that if the Municip Council make a definite proposal that they will place the 80,000 in cash in the handsof Government and finance the ing Rs.70,000 either by raising a loan or by any other me their command, I shall try my best to get the scheme sanc by Government and commence work in the year 192?-24. (H hear & cheers). I am making rather a bold statement viz I commit His Highness' Government to an expenditure for water-supply scheme of Tumkur to the extent of a lakh a

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But I am no pessimist. I believe that in the near future, the dark clouds of financial difficulties that are hovering over this beautiful State would have passed away. I believe that by the time I see the Budget figures of 1923-24, I shall be able to provide substantial sums of money for the improvement of ~~xxxx~~ towns which have, I have to admit, been neglected in the past. (Hear, hear). After all, considering the large demands of the town population in the various parts of the State, 3 or 4 lakhs of rupees every year, evenly distributed according to the urgency of each scheme, well thought out and well conceived, is not a very difficult matter. Gentlemen, as you have come ~~xxxxx~~ forward with this spirit of self-help it is up to Government to do the best they can, for you in the matter

In regard to the other question of drainage, I hope you will rest your souls in patience for a little while and get your ~~xx~~ water-supply first and think of the drainage a little later.

As regards the question of supplying electric power to the town of Tumkur, I understand the subject first came up in March 1918. The Electrical Department was consulted and they pointed out that the scheme could be worked only at a great annual loss and consequently they recommended that it would be dropped. The Manager of the Kanyaka Parameswari Rice Mill at Tumkur I understand offered to supply power generated locally, provided the Municipality for the current supplied and bore the initial cost of posts, wires, etc. The Electrical Department were again consulted and then they said that if the Municipal Council would guarantee Rs.6 per horse-power per month for a period of 10 years Government would ~~xxxxxx~~ extend the power line to ~~xxxxx~~ Tumkur. So you see there has been a lot of correspondence and discussion on the subject. If the Council, in view of all that has passed, formulate a resonable proposition which will ensure as they suggest in the address, a fair return on the capital investment, there is no reason why Government should not favourably consider the same.

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The Maternity question is not a very difficult matter but when the proposal to construct a Maternity was first mooted, the difficulty about a site arose and the cost of the site to be acquired was estimated at Rs.10,000. This together with the P.W. estimate for the maternity, made the proposal at that time prohibitive. I understand now that the Senior Surgeon has approved of an extension to the present Female Dispensary to accommodate 12 in-patients with the necessary Labour and out-houses at an estimated cost of Rs.11.000. The District Board and the Municipality also, I understand, have promised to contribute their quota. If the position is as stated by me, then, I have no doubt that Government will also come forward with their quota to make this revised scheme an accomplished fact in the near future.

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Gentlemen, there are no other matters of local interest that you mention in your address. I again thank you for the briefness and the businesslike spirit of your address and also thank you for the good-will and cordiality which prevails throughtout it and for the beautiful casket in which it is enclosed.

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To

A. .. Banerji, Esq., B.A., I.C.S., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

We, the members of the Municipal Council of Kolar, beg to offer our hearty congratulations on your elevation to the Office of Dewan and ex-officio President of the Executive Council of the State and to offer you a cordial welcome to this town on your first visit as the Prime Minister of our State.

This town being the Head Quarters of the District, it lies heavily on the Municipal Council to provide the town with all the requirements to make it worthy of a District Head Quarter. One of the primary duties of the Council being to provide good drinking water to the inhabitants of the town, the Council feel that they have not been able to provide this necessity on account of their slender means. The absence of pure and filtered water supply to the inhabitants has, to some extent, affected the public health. While being grateful to the Government for the liberal financial assistence rendered to the Municipal Council at the inception of the water supply scheme and later improvement therein, the Municipal Council feel that without liberal financial assistence from the State they are not in a position to carry out any scheme in the matter.

We will therefore be ever grateful to the Government, if it could, by a grant and if need be by a loan repayable in small annual instalments, arrange to provide the inhabitants of this town with pure and filtered water.

The next in importance is a scheme of drainage for the town. We think that this may be postponed till our water supply is improved.

We do not desire to give you a further catalogue of our wants, as we intend to tackle them one by one with our normal resources, slender though they are.

We request you, Sir, to convey to our Highness the expression of our profound loyalty to his person and his throne.

In conclusion we trust that your stay at Kolar will be pleasant.

We beg to remain,

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Your most obedient servants

MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KOLAR.

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Dewan's reply to the Address of welcome presented by the
KOLAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
on Thursday the 10th August 1922.

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MR. T.SRINIVASACHAR - President of the Kolar Municipal Council -
MEMBERS OF THE KOLAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, and GENTLEMEN,--

I am indeed very glad to meet you all here this evening on the occasion of my first arrival to the headquarter town of the Kolar District, and one of the most historic towns of the Mysore State. I thank you very much for your cordial welcome and for your very very kind congratulations. The tour of the Dewan is one that always creates for himself a very embarrassing position. When I began my provincial tour this morning, I thought to myself: "Be very careful how many promises you make as you proceed." (Laughter.) Since this morning I have already made three or four promises and I wish that on this occasion too I could make a promise to you in regard to a very pressing need that you all feel here, viz., the need for an up-to-date and sound system of water supply for the town. (Hear, hear.) There is no doubt, as we all know, that in every civilized town, water supply and drainage are the most essential requirements. I am glad to see that you have already got a scheme of water supply in operation for the town, but the system that you enjoy the benefit of is no doubt a very antiquated and unsatisfactory one and His Highness' Government has every sympathy with your desire to have a supply of filtered water and a main from the tank which will not be liable to contamination

As regards the finances, I notice that your budget runs on the slender figure of about Rs.27,000 in Receipts, and perhaps a little more than that sum in Expenditure. It does not appear, therefore, that in the near future you will be able to yourselves finance any scheme which will give an improved water supply and also give you, later on, a satisfactory scheme of drainage. But as you know, when His Highness' Government initiated the Local Self-Government Scheme six years ago, they made a promise in those days when they were in a very prosperous condition, that they would give half the cost of all such schemes in municipal towns.

The question is how we should go about it. I understand that it will probably cost for the immediate improvements in respect of a Sand Filter system --I suppose you will be satisfied with that for the present-- a sum of about Rs.25,000. If you are satisfied, in the immediate future, with a modest scheme of a Sand Filter for the supply of water that comes to your town under the existing system at a cost of between Rs.25,000 and Rs.30,000, I shall be indiscreet and promise you that next year the Government will contribute a half of that sum. (Hear, hear.) But, Gentlemen, I must at the same time tell you that it is very very necessary, as it is necessary for all Municipal Administrations, to realize --and I must confess that in this country, at any rate, it will take some years before our Municipal Administrations realize-- the importance of it, viz., the augmenting of your revenues. We want to delegate powers to non-official friends, we want to take away all the administrative control and all the management of local affairs from the hands of Amildars, Sub.Division Officers and Deputy Commissioners. But at the same time our non-official friends have to be bold and need not be nervous about the matter of increasing Municipal resources. Government should no doubt come to the aid of municipalities for large schemes but they have to look to the whole State, not only the needs of one locality. So you will, I hope, have some consideration for the difficulties of Government and I earnestly request that you will also consider the ways and means of augmenting your revenues a little, so that later on, as you help yourselves, Government may also come forward to help you with <u>pro rata</u> grants for your subsequent improvements regarding water supply and drainage.

With these words, Gentlemen, I thank you very much again for your cordial welcome and for your Address.

DEWAN'S REPLY TO THE ADDRESS PRESENTED BY
THE MADDAGIRI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
on Thursday, 16th August, 1922.

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In the course of his reply he said:-

As regards the ancient fame and beauty of this delightful spot, Maddagiri, I do not think you need sound such a note of despondency. If Maddagiri at one time was a beautiful place with such sweet associations, there is no reason why it should not rise and regain those associations. (Hear, hear)

A great deal can be done by the people themselves. No doubt, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja have always been willing to help the people who are anxious to help themselves. As you know, we are now passing through great financial difficulties; and, had it not been so, I should probably have been able, in answer to your address, to promise you straightaway that I would give orders to investigate a water supply scheme for the town. But I hope you will understand the difficulties of the Government at present and not be impatient.

I do not think there has been any water supply scheme investigated for your town at all. There are nearly 40 or 50 towns in the Mysore State where water supply schemes have not been investigated and there are also towns for which large schemes of water supply have been investigated but have not been taken up, and there are many such pending orders of Government. But there is no reason why your Municipal Council should lose time; there is no reason why you should not begin considering the question and working out the details and in due course submit, after consulting the Sanitary Engineer, a suitable, modest

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scheme for the water supply of Maddagiri. In the meantime I should suggest that you might also look into the question of having a few more wells, if that is possible, and ask Government, temporarily for the next two or three years, for some grants to supplement the existing water supply which I understand is fairly satisfactory though inadequate.

The next point you refer to, I see from the Address, is the opening of a Branch Line connecting Goribidnur and Tumkur via Maddagiri. Well, railway developments have always been the ambition of the Mysore Government. I think during the past few years they have developed a very large system of railways, and I do not see why your interests should not also be considered. (Hear, hear.)

But we have so many large schemes on hand just now. We have borrowed largely from the Mysore people to carry out those schemes to a successful termination. Till those schemes are completed, it is very difficult for me to promise that railway extension to Maddagiri will be taken up in the near future. Some of the works that were started, such as the Mysore-Chamarajnagar and the Shimoga-Arsalu lines, though in the course of construction had to be suddenly stopped owing to want of funds. But this project of connecting Maddagiri with the existing system is quite a feasible one and if at any future time it is found possible for the State to provide capital, there is no reason why this extension should not be taken up. At the same time, I would advise the District Board to go into the question and see if they cannot propose a District Board line of their own. If the District Board will raise half the necessary capital at least from the people and if people will come forward and take shares it will be facilitate the development of railway schemes in the State.

Dewan's reply to the Address at Tiptur.

Dated the 22nd August 1922.

MR. RANJISHA GOWDA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE TIPTUR MUNICIPAL COU[N]CIL AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL and GENTLEMEN,

I thank you most sincerely for the personal reference you have made to me in your address, and for your very cordial welcome to Tiptur, one of the most important head-quarter towns of the Tumkur District. Government fully realise the growing importance of your town, and that is the main reason why I have taken the trouble to pay a visit to you during my provincial tour as the Dewan of Mysore. I can assure you that I shall bear in mind the several wants that you have brought to my notice in your address when considering the question of giving grants to municipal bodies for large schemes of improvement.

Turning now to the particular matters that you have referred to in the address, I see that you are very anxious to improve the educational facilities of your town. I entirely sympathise with your desire. As regards the establishment of a High School, I can only repeat the assurance that I have given to the townspeople of Maddagiri that if the people here would guarantee at least 30 pupils for the 4th form, I shall consult the Education Department and advise them to make a beginning for the establishment of the Upper Secondary classes in the Tiptur town.

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The second point referred to by you is the question of the transfer of the Additional Munsiff's court now located at Tumkur to Tiptur. I understand that when the same representation was made on a previous occasion, the reply given was that the Munsiff's Court at Tumkur was still a temporary one. It has not been definitely decided that it should be made permanent. When Government pass final orders as to the permanent retention of that Court, the question of removing it to Tiptur would be duly considered. But I may indicate the possibility of not retaining the Court as a permanent measure.

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The most important matter that, I see, is agitating you attention at present is the question of water-supply. This, as is the case elsewhere, is a general complaint especially in the dry maidan districts. Most of the towns suffer from inadequate supply of water for drinking purposes and I am glad that the Municipal Council is considering the ways and means of providing the town with a good water-supply. You apparently depend in a large measure on wells for the supply of water to the town. I see that you have got about 60 wells in the town of which only three are Government wells. The sanitary and water supply departments prepared an estimate for Rs.45,000 for sinking four deep wells 10 feet in diameter and fitting the with pumps. The Municipal Council, I am glad to note, came forward to pay half the initial cost and asked Government to pa the remaining half. A trial bore hole was made on the tank bed close to the town to a depth of 80 feet at a cost of Rs.750 The Sanitary Department then proposed that a well of 10 feet diameter may be first sunk at the trial bore and if that proved satisfactory, further work may be done. I am glad that the Municipal Council has accepted this and Government have accordingly sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.2,000 last June for sinking an experimental well on the bore site. All I can say at present is that if this experiment proves successful, we shall give orders to the Water-Supply Division of the Public Works Department to prepare detailed estimates for a satisfactory water-supply project for the Town and when we ascertain what the cost would be, we shall consult your Council and come to a settlement as to providing ways and means on the general principle already adopted by Government, viz., as far as funds permit in any particular year, they will contribute half the cost for the project. I would advise you to push on the water-supply scheme at the present moment with all your might before you trouble yourselves about drainage. Get your water supply first and we shall consider drainage afterwards.

The question of posting an Assistant Surgeon to the local dispensary is a purely departmental matter. I shall, (9) however, consult the Senior Surgeon and see whether your want in this respect cannot be met.

As regards the main agricultural problem of cocoanut cultivation. I have, during my tenure as Member of Council and President of the Industries and Commerce Board, taken a certain amount of interest in the Cocoanut industry of the Tiptur Taluk. The present extent of the cocoanut gradens in this taluk is over 20,000 acres. The desire on the part of the people to further develop cocoanut cultivation is certainly one that ought to receive the support and encouragement of the Government. The question is how that encouragement should be given. The suggestion that is made in your address that all suitable lands available whether in the (10) Excise Reserves or in the Amrut Mahal Kavals should be thrown open for cultivation will be examined. I do not know whether all the surrendered Amrut Mahal kavals are fit for cultivation Probably they are not. As regards the date reserve groves, they are most valuable and are the mainstay of excise revenue. I am not in possession of any details to give you just now definite information in regard to releasing Amrut Mahal Kavals and date reserves for cocoanut cultivation. But the question of finding suitable lands will be referred to by me to Dr.Coleman, Director of Agriculture and, as it is likely that further lands which are suitable for cultivation will be released by the Amrut Mahal Department owing to the reduction of the Amrut Mahal herds under the scheme of retrenchment, I shall see that the scheme for cocoa- (11) nut cultivation and further development of cocoanut industry in this neighbourhood is carefully considered in allotting lands that will henceforward be set free.

You have requested that the headquarter of the Revenue Sub Division should be located at Tiptur. When I first came

to the district, I was no doubt somewhat surprised that the Sub ~~Ex~~ Division Officer of Gubbi had his headquarters outside his Sub Division. I asked the Deputy Commissioner why this was so. The Sub Division Officer of Gubbi has got within his charge the Taluks of Gubbi, Chicknayakanhalli and Tiptur and the Sub Taluk of Turuvekere. It cannot be gainsaid that Tiptur is a very important taluk in this Sub Division. I think it is the most populous also of all the Municipal towns in the District outside the headquarters. I consider that in these circumstances your request is not an unreasonable one. But at the same time, the change of headquarters of Revenue officers entails a lot of confusion and expenditure. Evidently, a new office building will have to be constructed at Tiptur and at the present moment you cannot expect me to give you any promise that in the near future Government will be able to spend money for the transfer. But in the general re-adjustment of Revenue Taluk charges and improvement in the district administration, in regard to which I am now making a detailed study, I give you a promise that I shall bear in mind your request and see if it cannot be favourably considered.

Gentlemen, I think I have touched upon all the points that you have dealt with in the address; and in conclusion, I again thank you for your most cordial welcome and the address as well as the beautiful casket. I can promise you my sympathy and support in all your legitimate aims and aspirations and all your efforts for the material and moral improvement of the people.

DEWAN'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE KRISHNARAJENDRA VYAVASAYA PATASALA, CHICKANHALLI.

23rd August 1922.

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MR. ANNAIYA.

I am very pleased indeed to be able, after all, to accede to your request to come here and perform this very pleasant though simple function. Your father was apparently a man of very original ideas. He lived and was brought up in rural parts far away from the haunts of civilisation and yet he appeared to have been far in advance of his times. He conceived this idea of establishing an institution to give up-to-date agricultural instruction to those whose vocation in life is agriculture. That, I consider, is a very original idea taking the ordinary outlook of our countrymen even at the present time. Then again, he did not simply conceive the the idea but he was determined that it should be carried out; and with that object in view, he left a will and that will really is one for which we have to be very grateful and it is that will that has enabled this institution to come into being after his death - for he did not live to carry out his intention - and also enabled his successors in title to complete the scheme not only in accordance with his wishes but in a more expanded form. I congratulate you Mr. Annaiya, for having so nobly come forward to carry out the original intention of your father and for having now undertaken to hand over this handsome building and its appurtenances for the purpose of an agricultural school in this locality. (Cheers) I also congratulate you most heartily for having come forward to undertake to pay to Government the remaining sum of Rs.6,000 to make up the total endowment of Rs.24,000 which was originally named as the sum that your father intended to pay for his charitable purposes. I am very glad to hear from the few remarks that the Deputy Director of Agriculture has just made that the school in spite of many

vicissitudes, has done very useful work in the past. Today, I hope, will be a red-letter-day in the history of this agricultural school specially as I have now come with the consent of His Highness to allow his gracious name to be attached to this institution so that the institution may be called Krishnarajendra Vyavasaya Pathasala. It is only in the fitness of things that the school, which was opened by his august brother His Highness the Yuvaraja six years ago, should now come to be established on a more firm footing and I hope that the school with the co-operation of yourself and other leading men of this neighbourhood may one day be a central middle school agricultural institution for all the maidan districts of Mysore (Cheers.) Indeed as you have handed over the whole endowment, the buildings and its appurtenances to Government, the Government must do their part of their duty in this respect. It will, I am sure, be now developed as a Government institution with increased staff and equipment and the necessary provision year to year for further development and progress. In that respect I can give the assurance as head of the administration that so far as any assistance that may be required from Government is concerned, it will come forth in due course. At the same time, I hope that you, Mr. Annaiya, now that you have handed over the endowment and the buildings to Government, will not cease to take the keen interest that you have hitherto been taking and that you and those like you will continue to co-operate with the Agricultural Department so as to make this school a real success. It is necessary that the school should really benefit those for whom it is intended. It is necessary that the real intention of your father should be fulfilled. It is necessary that those who really own lands and who will eventually be able to go back to their lands with the improved ideas of cultivation so that they can get the best commercial and economic result from their agricultural labours, should come to the school to receive instruction. I am sure that with the reorganised

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arrangements the Agricultural Department will in future adopt for the improvement of the school, not only the intentions of your father but also the ideals of modern Agricultural education for the benefit of the Indian Agriculturists will be amply fulfilled.

With these words, I have much pleasure in declaring that from today this Chickanhalli Agricultural school will be named after His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dewan's Reply to the Address of Welcome presented by the
Members of the District Board and
Municipal Council
Chitaldrug.

Saturday, the 26th August 1922.

MEMBERS OF THE CHITALDRUG DISTRICT BOARD and MEMBERS OF THE CHITALDRUG TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:-

I am deeply sensitive of the honour you have done me today by the warm reception that you have accorded to me on my first visit as Dewan to your historic District Headquarters town of Chitaldrug. I take this honour as a great token of your deep loyalty and devotion to His Highness the Maharaja. I am no less sensitive of the kindness and cordiality which you have shown to me personally and I thank you all for the personal references that were made to me in your Address. I can only hope that my service to the people will really deserve your goodwill and approbation.

Gentlemen, you have referred to 9 questions of public interest in your Address and I shall endeavour, in my brief reply, to deal with them, with the information that I have at my disposal at present, as best as I can.

In regard to the question of resuming the Local Fund and Mohatarfa Revenue which was transferred to the District Boards in 1917, the representation is not a new one. At the last session of the Representative Assembly, the question was discussed and Government have given the assurance that they will carefully examine District Board Finances and ascertain how far the alarm and apprehensions of the District Boards that such a resumption will seriously cripple their resources are really well grounded. I hope, while I am here, to look into the finances of the Chitaldrug District Board and if it,

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it is proved to my ~~satisfaction~~ satisfaction that the resumption of those items of revenue will to a very appreciable extent cripple the resources of the Board and prevent them from carrying out the large works of improvement for the benefit of the whole district which they have in contemplation, I shall certainly reconsider the matter. (Cheers).

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The next important question that you refer to is the project for the supply of good drinking water to the Chitaldrug Town. I have got here a note from the Public Works Department, which I got this morning, from which I gather that the question has been engaging the attention of the authorities for a considerable long period. I understand that the Municipality came forward to propose suitable measure for financing an improvement project in case money was not readily available and they have floated a Debenture Loan towards which subscriptions to the extent of about a lakh and a half have already been received. The scheme for water-supply to Chitaldrug has undergone vicissitudes similar to those relating to other towns in the Veore State with the difference that you have at least some kind of scheme in operation. The last estimate that was framed by the Public Works Department came to a sum of three lakhs and 40 thousand, chiefly owing to the fact that at the time the estimate was framed, the cost of ~~the~~ pipes had gone

tremendously high. This estimate having been referred to the Municipal Council, it was found that the resources of the Municipality did not permit of the work, involving such a high outlay, being undertaken in the immediate future. I understand from the Public Works Department that the matter remains at that stage. There is, however, just a possibility so far as I can see from the papers that a cheaper scheme for an improved supply of water to the Chitaldrug town which may cost very much less. If that be the case - and I wish to go into the question with the Municipal Council if they will kindly meet me for discussing the matter - then, in the immediate future there may not be any difficulty in financing the scheme. The Municiplaity have a sum of nearly a lakh and a half with them. At the present moment it will be impossible for His Highness' Government to promise to give a definite sum towards the new project. But I give you this assurance that so far as the finances of any one year may permit, we shall try and carry out the promise of giving at least half the contribution for such improvement works in every important town in the State in accordance with a declaration made some years ago.

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The filling up of trenches around Chitaldrug seems to me to be somewhat of a small matter in comparison with the water supply project. I have no information as to how much it is likely to cost. But if the Municipality will prepare a detailed scheme and submit the estimates to Government and suggest the carrying out of the improvement, say in the course of 5 or 6 years offering themselves to come forward to give a substantial grant out of their resources, I shall

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(16) see if it is not possible for the local Self Government Department to give any special grant for this work.

The apprehension that all unoccupied lands under the Vani Vilas Sagara Channels will be thrown open to competition, to the prejudice of the poor local landless classes is, to my mind, not altogether unfounded I have during my tour, noticed that the members of the depressed classes are really in need of lands in several parts of the State and the suggestion that a certain portion of the Vani Vilas Sagara lands should be set apart for them will be duly noted by me, and before I leave this district, I hope I shall be able to pass final orders in the matter after consulting the Deputy Commissioner. (Cheers).

I wish to congratulate the District Board of Chitaldrug on their resolution expressing their willingness to levy the Education Cess. This District has now risen in the estimation of the public, having been the second to levy the cess, the first being the Bangalore Dist. Board and I therefore congratulate the Dist. Board on the public spirit they have shown in the matter. At the same time, I must point out that the expenditure that has to be met from the income derived from the Education

Cess has really no manner of connection with the establishment of the University Entrance Class. (Laughter.) All that the Board realises from the Education Cess will be fully utilised for the improvement of those grades of education which are now urgently in need of reform with reference to the orders passed on the Education Memorandum. Taking the particular request, however, regarding the opening of an University Entrance Class in Chitaldrug Town, I shall consult the Inspector-General of Education when I hope to meet at Davangere and then let you know whether it is possible, under the present circumstances, to establish the class. The policy of Government will be, as I have announced in other places, to decentralise facilities for higher grades of education as far as funds permit. We hope to establish more High Schools in the State and we also hope to establish University Entrance Classes in these High Schools so that there may not be overcrowding and all the inconveniences attaching to overcrowding in the two cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

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The want of a building for the Hindustani School is not peculiar to the Chitaldrug town. Every place I have seen, I have noticed that of all classes of schools in the State, Hindustani Schools are the worst. Then come the poor Girls' Schools. If at the present moment I could carry out my idea of giving every Hindustani School and every Girls' School a decent building, I think I should spend straightaway about 15 to 20 lakhs of rupees. However, it is necessary that such wants should be brought to my notice. I hope to inspect these schools during my stay here and in regard at least to district headquarter institutions which always should prove a model to taluk and village institutions, I shall see that at a very early date institutions of all grades are provided by the Education Department with suitable accommodation, suitable building, suitable equipment and other suitable appurtenances. (Cheers.)

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The next point, Gentlemen, that you refer to is the subject of railway extension in the Chitaldrug District. You request that the levy of Railway Cess may be held in abeyance till further extension takes place. I am very sorry to have to disappoint you by saying at once in reply that Government cannot accept such a proposition. You know there are districts which do not enjoy any kind of railway facilities and still Railway Cess is being levied in those districts. You have at least got 75 miles of railway communication of which 20 miles are managed by the State directly. There is no doubt that this district requires further communications, and when we improve our financial position, the question of extending the Chitaldrug Railway to important centres will, no doubt, be duly considered. At the present moment, at least for the next three or four years, I regret I cannot give any hopes of any practical action in this matter. Hope, therefore, that with the same public spirit which you showed in regard to the levy of the Education Cess, you will

continue to bear the burden of the railway cess as a general impost for the general progress in the State in regard to railway matters.

The question of grazing fees is now engaging the attention of Government. As you know, the Special Finance Committee has recommended that the grazing fees throughout the State should be doubled. We have not accepted the recommendation all at once, before satisfying ourselves that such a proposal, if carried out, will not cause hardship in the several parts of the State. As I know, now that I have visited few of the taluks of your district, that you labour under great disadvantages as regards grazing facilities. It is a very dry district. In the early summer months, specially when the munger rains fail, when fodder is very insufficient --in fact there is no fodder for your cattle-- applications are made to Government to allow ryots to graze their cattle in the State Forests and date groves, free, or to allow them to collect kammara leaves from the Forests. As I came along I received a representation that the charge that the Forest Department are levying for the kammara leaves should be remitted. I shall bear in mind the circumstances relating to the Chitaldrug District and before final orders are passed regarding the enhancement of grazing fees, I shall see that the representation is fully considered. In that matter, I can also assure you that the whole question of grazing facilities is now being examined; and, if it is possible to change the rules or introduce new systems by which the people of Chitaldrug can have better facilities for grazing, I shall be only too pleased to give them to you.

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Gentlemen, you need have no apprehensions regarding the abolition of the Chitaldrug District. We may be in great financial difficulties. But I do not think that we are

in such a hopeless condition that we should make drastic changes in the organised machinery of the State or in the administrative arrangements which have been in vogue for many years. The abolition of the district probably comes to your mind because once upon a time this was sanctioned and carried out. But I do not think you need have any apprehensions, and so far as I am concerned and so long as I am responsible for the administration, Chitaldrug will continue to remain a district charge as at present.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I thank you for having brought to my notice all these questions. All I can tell you now is that during the next few days which I hope to spend with you here, I shall study these questions a little more intimately as also the other questions which may hereafter be brought to my notice, and I hope that with the local knowledge I may gain in the disposal of these questions, I may be able to give you some little help that will be appreciated by you. (Cheers.) I again thank you, Gentlemen, for your Address and your kind address welcome. (Loud and continued applause.)

Dewan's Speech

at

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

of the Government High School Building at

DAVANGERE.

Wednesday, 30th August 1922.

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After declaring the foundation stone well and truly laid, the Dewan made the following speech:

MR. BALASUNDARAM IYER AND GENTLEMEN,-

I am very glad that the local citizens of Davangere have taken advantage of my visit to this town to give the High School Building which has been a great want for some time past, an auspicious start. I am very pleased indeed that I have been able to respond to their kind invitation to perform the function of laying the foundation stone of the building today.

There is very little more to be said by me on the development of education and educational facilities in this town of growing importance, the third in point of population in the Mysore State, as the Inspector-General has fully dealt with this interesting subject.

One may perhaps express surprise that the High School here was not established sooner than 1918 and that it took four years after the favourable reply which His Highness the Maharaja was graciously pleased to give to the townspeople on their representation. However, the rapid progress made since the school was started is perhaps a sufficient atonement for past delays. The decision of Government was not a day too soon and has been fully justified by the recent increases in the total strength of the several classes as well as the satisfactory results in public examinations. I wish to join the Inspector-General in the chorus of praise that he has

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in regard to the public spirit that has been shown by the townspeople of Davangere in furthering the cause of the establishment of this High School: I do not think it is necessary for me to repeat the announcements that I have made from time to time in the Representative Assembly as well as during the course of my tour that the policy of Government is to establish High Schools wherever possible. In fact, there should, in my opinion, be a High School in every taluk headquarter. (Cheers.) It is a great mistake to concentrate the higher grades of education in a few populous important centres. It is necessary to diffuse the facilities as far as possible throughout the State uniformly. Side by side with the establishment of the institutions such as the one that we are going to provide a proper habitation for today there should also be an attempt to provide the necessary facilities for suitable accommodation for the student population. For, it is not merely in the school hours during which the boys are engaged in study under the supervision of their masters but it is also outside the school hours that a healthy educational influence and proper moral pursuasion should be brought to bear on the growing boys. It is therefore necessary that hostels should be developed. I congratulate the citizens of Davangere on having not only subscribed liberally towards the construction of this High School which is a Government institution but also on having made the necessary provision for the establishment of a suitable hostel, by subscribing a handsome sum of Rs. 15,000. I wish that the example that the Lingayet community have shown will be followed by other communities in the State in this respect. Government cannot, with the limited funds at their disposal, develop as rapidly as they would desire to do, the hostel system which is as essential for a sound educational policy. With the co-operation and ready assistance that may be given by the public, I hope it may be possible to have hostels in every taluk headquarter for all High Schools as well as for all Anglo-Vernacular Schools in the near future, for the benefit of all classes and communities from the Panchamas upwards. (Hear, hear)

It remains for me, Gentlemen, now to hope that the High School at Davangere will in course of time further develop and that Davangere Town will continue its keenness and enthusiasm in providing the material as well as the incentive for additional facilities and further advance in Education. If all important towns came forward as Davangere has done, there will be no difficulty and whether there is an Education Cess or no Education Cess, we shall be able to develop rapidly with all grades of education throughout the State.

I am sorry to say that there is no grant provided in the Public Works Budget this year for this particular work. But I find that the Public Works Department has given its consent to the proposal for starting construction immediately (cheers) and we shall see that not only the provision made by the public is fully utilized but I shall also give orders that in case it is possible that amount may be suitably supplemented by re-appropriation. (Cheers.)

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There is one other point and that is the question of the cost of acquisition. I understand that the Municipal Council at the initial stage promised to bear the whole cost of acquisition. But subsequently they have made a representation to Government that Government may be pleased to bear half the cost which comes to about Rs. 4,000. The matter has not been disposed of yet but I will anticipate the orders of Government and, considering that there is so much public spirit in this town, direct that half the cost of acquisition may be paid by Government. (Hear, hear and cheers.)

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DEWAN'S REPLY TO THE ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE DAVANGERE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN THE TOWN HALL,

in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 30th August 1922.

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MEMBERS OF THE DAVANGERE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL;-

I thank you most heartily for your cordial welcome and for the address that you have just presented to me. The Address brings to my notice several public wants of this town and I find they are the usual items that have been brought forward during my present tour at the different municipalities that I have visited.

The question of water-supply and drainage has always been cropping up before Government in various forms during the past several years in respect of most of the important towns in the Mysore State. You have, however, been placed in a more fortunate position than some of the other towns so far as water supply is concerned. The total outlay on the water supply project which you now enjoy was about 2½ lakhs of rupees of which Government contributed about half a lakh of rupees some years ago. I realise the disadvantages under which you suffer as regards the present defects of the existing system. I see from the papers that have been placed before me this morning that the question of improving your water supply scheme has already engaged the attention of the Sanitary Department. There is a proposal to construct a water tower in the river at a cost of Rs.8,000 and there is also a proposal for the construction of settling tanks at a cost of Rs.30,000. It is not clear from your Address whether these proposals have been brought to the notice of the Council and whether they have discussed them with the expert officers of Government. The policy of His Highness' Government has been, and will always be, to come forward to help those that help themselves. In the present case I would advise you to get these estimates considered at a special meeting of the Municipal Council and, if you con-

consider that they will remove your present defects, should ~~gm~~ advise you to go further and make an application to Government to contribute half the cost of those two schemes in accordance with the promise that they have made in the Local Self Government Scheme.(Hear,hear). I have been ~~bold~~ enough to make this suggestion to my friends in the other Municipal Councils in the State and I do not see why I should refrain from making a similar suggestion to your Municipal Council. As regards the drainage scheme I should be inclined to ask for a little patience, because, it is necessary that you should perfect your water supply scheme and then go in for the drainage. For I understand, that the drainage scheme is going to be a very costly one and it is no use my giving you any vague promises that in the near future Government will be able to contribute a moiety of the cost of the scheme so that the work may be started soon. From the information before me I find that the revised project of the Davangere Drainage Scheme is likely to cost very nearly a lakh of rupees. So, looking at the question from a practical point of view, it is obvious that if you are anxious to improve, in the first instance, the water supply of Davangere town you have to provide almost immediately a sum of at least 19 or 20 thousand rupees out of the Municipal funds so that, with an equal amount contributed by Government, you can have in the near future a settling tank and necessary improvements to remove the defects which you have brought to notice in your Address.

The next point referred to in your Address is the question of having a building for the Women's Hospital in Davangere town. The members of the Municipal Council may may be aware that there has been some correspondence on the subject with the Medical Department and the latest development of the question is that a revised estimate of Rs.51,000 has been framed according to which the existing Local Fund Dispensary is to be extended and elevated by

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the addition of a maternity and an in-patient ward for men and women. I understand that you have agreed to pay your quota of this increased estimate and it now remains for Government to sanction the estimate and promise the Government contribution. The estimates have not yet reached Government and I shall see, when I get back to headquarters, that the estimate is expedited and necessary orders are issued to further the new scheme as soon as possible.

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You have brought to notice two small railway grievances, viz., the narrow level crossings and the necessity for an over-bridge as matters requiring urgent consideration. It appears that the Municipal Council have agreed to bear half the cost in regard to the first item. As regards the second, I do not find any correspondence or discussion at all on the subject. If the Municipal Council will very kindly take up this question and submit definite recommendations I shall see that Government take further action in the matter. In regard to the level crossings, however, I should like to say that it is rather a small matter and it does not look well that for everything, small or big, the Municipal Council should come to Government and beg for a quota of the expenditure.(Hear,hear.) There are certain requirements in respect of which the Municipal Council ought to be able to bear fully their own responsibilities.

You have referred to the question of establishing a cotton mill at Davengere. This is an old question which has been discussed in the Industries and Commerce Department as well as in the Industries and Commerce Board of the Economic Conference during the past six years. Government at one time contributed a sum of Rs.5,000 towards the preliminary expenses that might be incurred for collecting necessary data and making the necessary investigations for the establishment of a cotton mill. The Syndicate themselves, however, did not undertake the work as at that time Davengere had gone..

through two very bad seasons on account of the depression in the cotton trade and did not consider the time suitable for pushing the scheme any further. So far as Government are concerned, I can only say that if the local people of Davengere will again resuscitate the matter with the same enthusiasm as they displayed on a former occasion, I can assure you that the Industries and Commerce Department will do what they can to help them in the matter.

I have just gone round the educational institutions of your town and I entirely sympathise with the feeling that has been expressed in the Address that all these institutions are now suffering for want of accommodation. After the High School is built and the High School classes are moved from the Anglo-Vernacular School building, the situation will, no doubt, to some extent be eased. Nevertheless, the complaint that some of the schools - specially the Hindustani and the Girls' schools - are very much cramped for want of space, is well grounded. I shall see what action is possible, at least in the year 1923-24, in respect of providing additional building grants for schools throughout the State. Nothing has come to my notice more prominently during this tour than the hopeless inadequacy of accommodation for educational institutions in the districts that I have visited, and in the allotment and distribution of the money that may be found for this important purpose, I shall bear in mind the claim of Davengere for a reasonable share. (Cheers.)

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Gentlemen, you echo the apprehension that has been expressed in the Address that was presented to me at Chitaldrug the other day about the abolition of the Chitaldrug District. I believe you have already heard the assurance that I gave on that occasion and it is unnecessary for me to repeat it here.

I think I have now touched upon all the important questions that have been dealt with in your address and

I now wish to congratulate the Municipal Council of Davangere for the very moderate estimate of their wants and for the very modest manner in which they have put them before me for consideration. I also thank them for their expression of hearty goodwill and cordiality in the Address that is now presented to me and also for the casket in which it is enclosed. (Cheers.)

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To

Albion Rajkumar Banerji, Esq.,

M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

DEWAN OF MYSORE.

SIR,

WE, the members of the Municipal Council of Davangere Town, feel it a privilege to accord you on behalf of its citizens a most cordial welcome to our town and take this opportunity of expressing our profound sentiments of loyalty and gratefulness to His Highness the Maharaja for appointing you as Dewan to guide the destinies of the State at a most momentous period of its history.

2. Our town is well known as a centre of trade and commerce in the State, but its prosperity has been affected in recent years owing to adverse trade conditions, and we also apprehend that the opening of Chickjajur-Chitaldrug Railway will, ere long, affect our cotton trade.

3. We venture to bring to your kind notice the fact that, though we have taxed ourselves to the utmost and spent the bulk of our resources for securing one comfort, *viz.*, drinking water, we are not free from troubles, such as getting muddy water in early rains and the choking of duct pipe which caused immense inconvenience last year. We may mention that we are endeavouring to do what is possible with our limited resources to remedy the defects by taking expert advice.

4. The Drainage Scheme, however, which is a necessary adjunct to the water-supply, is not yet sanctioned. While praying for its early sanction, we hope the Government will be graciously pleased to extend their helping hand to the Municipality by granting half the cost as promised by them.

5. We beg respectfully to submit that the Municipal Council have already fulfilled their obligations to the extent of their capacity and resources in regard to the construction of Women's Hospital in the town, which is one of our standing wants, and we venture to hope that the Government will be pleased to sanction their quota and direct the construction of the building with proper equipment at a very early date.

6. We beg to urge the early construction of an Hindustani School for boys and one for girls, the former being one of the most pressing wants of the town. Another building for Kannada Girls' School is likewise necessary as owing to insufficient accommodation in the existing school some classes are held in a separate rented building.

7. We need hardly state that your kind and ready consent to lay the foundation stone of the New High School building in the town is a signal proof of the desire on the part of Government to meet a great want for the fulfilment of which the citizens have been very anxious, as they have contributed a fair sum and the Municipal Council have also borne some share notwithstanding their various demands. We venture to hope that at no distant date the institution may be made a Collegiate High School. In this connection, we beg to urge the necessity for the construction of additional blocks of buildings for the boys of the A.-V. School who number nearly 900.

8. Yet, another want of outstanding importance and urgency is the widening of the two narrow level crossings and the construction of an overbridge, in view of the fact that the Railway line passes through the very heart of the town to the serious inconvenience of vehicular and passenger traffic. We venture to request that the Government will be pleased to come to our aid and arrange with the Railway authorities to grant us the required facilities at an early date.

9. We beg to submit that, considering the importance of Davangere as a centre of cotton trade in the State, the establishment of a cotton mill in the town is a necessity. We pray that the question may be properly investigated and the Government pleased to give us the help and impetus similar to that which has been given towards the establishment of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills at Mysore.

10. Last but not least, we hope and trust that there is no foundation for the rumours regarding the abolition of the Munsiff's court in the town, nor of this historic District being dismembered in any manner.

In conclusion, while profoundly thankful to you, Sir, for the kindness of your visit which afforded us the opportunity of representing our vital wants to the head of the Government, we fervently pray that the Almighty God may shower His choicest blessings on you and grant you health and strength, and render your administration a happy and memorable one.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

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DEWAN'S REPLY

to the Address at the Durgi Mutt.

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29th August 1922.

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YOUR HOLINESS,

I am very glad indeed that it has been possible for me to pay Your Holiness a visit during my tour in this District and thus to have an opportunity of making your acquaintance. I have heard a great deal about Your Holiness and your erudite scholarship in Sanskrit learning, the enlightened principles by which you administer your holy office, as well as the keen interest you take in the religious, moral and educational advancement of the large and influential community who owe you their allegiance as their religious head. I have heard with very great satisfaction the interest you take in matters educational, especially the establishment of hostels, schools, scholarships, libraries, etc. All these go to prove your liberal-mindedness and also your wide culture.

When I came to Chitaldrug I did not expect Your Holiness to take so much trouble to give me a formal and elaborate reception. I only expected that I should pay you an informal call and friendly visit making your acquaintance, exchange a few kind words and also receive your blessings and your good wishes. But now I see that the function has been made somewhat formal and Your Holiness has been kind enough to present an Address in which, among other things you have mentioned, there are two important matters relating to the Mutt and the Lingayat community. I hope Your Holiness will pardon me if I am not able to deal with the two questions in detail on this occasion. I have no papers nor any information

about those matters with me now. The question of the Government grant to this Mutt of Your Holiness is quite new to me. Without looking into the past history of the case and all the old papers it will be very difficult for me to make any statement. Similarly, in regard to Sanskrit Education in the State Colleges, I am quite aware of the fact that there is a very strong feeling amongst your disciples - the Lingayat Community as a whole - and Government are aware also of the fact that there is considerable agitation about it. But, as Your Holiness is aware, the whole subject is under the consideration of His Highness' Government and I am sure that when passing final orders they will give the fullest consideration to the feelings of your followers. Even in regard to this matter, it is very difficult for me to make any other pronouncement.

In conclusion, I thank Your Holiness most sincerely for all the kind words you have said about me and for all the good wishes that you have expressed in regard to my work as the Dewan of Mysore.

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜ ನಿರಂಜನಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಜಯದೇವ ಮುರಘರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು

ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಘನತೆಯನ್ನೆತ್ತಿದ

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ಸಿ. ಐ. ಇ., ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಐ.

ಯವರಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಸದಾಶಿವಸ್ಮರಣಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಶುಭವಾದಗಳು.

ತಾವು ಅಸಾಧಾರಣ ವಿದ್ಯಾಮೈದುಷ್ಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಇಂಡ್ಯಾ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಸರ್ವೀಸಿನಲ್ಲೂ ಕೊಚಿನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಅಮಾತ್ಯ ಪದವಿಯಲ್ಲೂ ಶ್ಲಾಘನೀಯವಾದ ಕೌಶಲವನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹ ಮಾಡಿ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧಿಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದುದನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರು ತಿಳಿದು ತಮ್ಮಂಥವರ ಸರ್ವೀಸಿನ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಲವಲವಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಬರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎಗ್ಜಿಕ್ಯುಟೀವ್ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನವನ್ನೂ ಬಳಿಕ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನವನ್ನೂ ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ್ದು ಅವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಘನತರವಾದ ಮೆಹನತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಜಬಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಮಾತ್ಯ ಪದವಿಯನ್ನೇ ತಮಗೆ ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದು ಅಶೇಷಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಂತೋಷವನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಪ್ರಪಂಚವನ್ನೇ ನಲುಗಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಆರ್ಥಿಕದುಸ್ಥಿತಿಯು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಒದಗಿರುವ ಈಗಣ ದುರ್ಭರಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮಂಥ ವಿಶೇಷ ಮೇಧಾವಿಗಳೂ ರಾಜತಂತ್ರನಿಪುಣರೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿ ದೊರೆದುದು ಮೈಸೂರು ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಪುಣ್ಯೋದಯವೆಂತಲೇ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಆದುಕಾರಣ ಈ ಘನಪದವಿಯು ತಮಗೆ ದೊರೆದುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾವಾದರೂ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಸಂತುಷ್ಟರಾಗಿರುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇಶದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮೈಷಮ್ಯವು ತೊಲಗಿ ದೇಶವು ಸರ್ವವಿಧದಲ್ಲೂ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೊಳ್ಳುವಂತಾದೀತೆಂದು ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಪ್ರಾಚೀನವೂ ಸರ್ವವೀರಶೈವ ಪೂಜ್ಯಸ್ಥಾನವೂ ಆದ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಮಠಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗಣ ಸರ್ಕೀಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಆಗಮಿಸಿದುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾವು ಸಂತೋಷಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಮಠವು ಆಸೇತುಹಿಮಾಚಲಾಂತವಾದ ಭರತಖಂಡದ ಎಲ್ಲಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಶಾಖಾಮಠಗಳುಳ್ಳುದಾಗಿಯೂ ವೀರಶೈವ ಜನವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಜಗದ್ಗುರುಪೀಠವಾಗಿಯೂ ಗೌರವಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಈ ಪೀಠದ ಅಧಿಕಾರವು ನಮಗೆ ದೊರೆದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ೧೯ ವರ್ಷಗಳಾದುವು. ಮತಸ್ಥರ ಜ್ಞಾನವಿಕಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧಕವಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೂ, ಧರ್ಮಸುಧಾರಣೆಗೂ ಅವಶ್ಯಕಗಳಾದ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವುದು ಮಠಾಧೀಶರ ಮುಖ್ಯಕರ್ತವ್ಯವೆಂಬ ಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದ ತದಾರಭ್ಯ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಮೈಸೂರು ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೂ, ಕೊಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲೂ, ಹೈದರಾಬಾದು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲೂ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮೊದಲಾದ ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಇಂಡ್ಯಾ ಸೀಮೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದೂ, ಸ್ವದೇಶ ಪರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ

ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳೂ ವೀರಶೈವಾಶ್ರಮಗಳೂ [illegible]
ಪ್ರೌಢವಿದ್ಯಾವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ವೀರಶೈವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೆಲ ಪರಮತ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಹ ವೇತನಗಳು ಕೊಡಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದೂ, ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಠದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡುಕಾಲವೂ ನೂರಾರುಮಂದಿ ಆಗಂತುಕ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನ್ನದಾನವು ಪುರಾತನ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗೆ ಅನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದೂ ಸಹ ಕರ್ಣಾಕರ್ಣಿಕೆಯಾ ತಮಗೆ ವಿದಿತವಾಗಿರಬಹುದು.

ಇವೆಲ್ಲ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಧನವ್ಯಯಭಾರವು ಬಹಳವಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಲಸ್ಥಿತಿಯು ವಿಷಮವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಶಿಷ್ಯಾರ್ಜನೆಯ ಬರವಸೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಇದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಾರೋದ್ಧಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗುವುದು ಅಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪೀಠಕ್ಕೆ 7 ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ಇನಾಮತಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದುವು. ಬಳಿಕ ಕೆಲವು ಕಾಲದಮೇಲೆ 1440 ವರಹಗಳ ವರ್ಷಾಶನವನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿ ಇನಾಂ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ವಾಪಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲ್ಪಟ್ಟುವು. ತದನಂತರ ಮಠದಲ್ಲಿ ತಕ್ಕ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಲೋ ಏನೋ ಆ ನಗದು ವರ್ಷಾಶನವೂ ಕೂಡ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಶ್ರೀಮಠದ ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ದೀಪಾರಾಧನೆಯ ಖರ್ಚಿಗೋಸ್ಕರವೆಂದು 24 ರೂ. ಗಳ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಸಹಾಯ ದ್ರವ್ಯವು ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಈಗ ಕೊಡಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತಲಿದೆ.

ಈಗಳಾದರೊ ದೇಶದ ಸಕಲಭಾಗದ ವೀರಶೈವರ ಪುರೋವೃದ್ಧಿಗೂ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾದ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾಪನೆಗಳು ಶ್ರೀ ಮಠದಿಂದ ನಡೆದು ಸರ್ವಕಾರ್ಯಗಳೂ ಸುವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಾಗುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದು ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿ ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕ ವರಮಾನವು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ಮಠಕ್ಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲವಾಗಿರುವುದು ನಮಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅಶೇಷ ವೀರಶೈವ ಜನವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೂ ವ್ಯಾಕುಲವನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಮಠಗಳ ಗೌರವೋದ್ಧರಣದಲ್ಲೂ ಧರ್ಮರಕ್ಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಹೆಸರಾಂತಿರುವ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನವು ಇತರ ಮತಗಳ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಪೀಠಗಳ ಗೌರವಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಷ್ಟು ಇನಾಮತಿಗಳನ್ನೋ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಹಾಯ ದ್ರವ್ಯವನ್ನೋ ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವಂತೆ ಈ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಠದ ಗೌರವಕ್ಕೂ ಕಾರ್ಯಬಾಹುಳ್ಯಕ್ಕೂ ಅನುಗುಣವಾದಷ್ಟು ಧನಸಾಪಾಯ್ಯವು ಒದಗುವಂತೆ ತಾವು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಇದರಿಂದ ದೇಶದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಜನಾಂಗವೊಂದರ ವಿದ್ಯಾದಿ ಸಕಲ ಪುರೋವೃದ್ಧಿಗೂ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹವು ಸಾರೋದ್ಧಾರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಪುಣ್ಯಕೀರ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಅಶೇಷ ವೀರಶೈವ ಜನವರ್ಗದ ಚಿರಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಗೂ ತಾವು ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಶಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಜರ್ಜಾಸ್ಪದವಾಗಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಮಹಾಪಾಠಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವೀರಶೈವ ಜನವರ್ಗದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸುವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತವಾದ ಏರ್ಪಾಟು ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಭಾರ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜರುಗದೆ ಇರಲಾರದೆಂದು ನಂಬುತ್ತೇವೆ. ವೀರಶೈವ ಮತವು ವೇದವೇದಾಂಗ ಸಂಮತವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಅನಾದಿಕಾಲದಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಮತದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಭಯ ಭಾಷಾಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಪಾದಿಸಿದವರು ಇರುತ್ತಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಜನವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ವೇದಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಾಭ್ಯಾಸವು ಚಿರಕಾಲದಿಂದ ನಡೆದುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಯುಕ್ತಸಂಘದವರು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ವರದಿಯು ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತಮಯವಾದುದೆಂದು ವೀರಶೈವ ಜನವರ್ಗದಿಂದೆಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾವಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಅವರುಗಳಿಗೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ಮನೋವೇದನೆಯನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ವೀರಶೈವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಪಾಠಶಾಲೆಗಳೆರಡರಲ್ಲೂ ಎಲ್ಲ ತೆರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೂ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಸಮಾಜದನುಗುಂಟಾಗಿರುವ ಮನೋವ್ಯಥೆಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ಪರಿಹಾರಗೊಳಿಸಿಕೊಡುವವರಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಅಮೌಲ್ಯವಾದ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂಚಾರಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಈ ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಮಠಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ಸಂಭಾಷಣಾವಕಾಶವನ್ನಿತ್ತುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾವು ಪರಮಾನಂದಗೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೇವಲ್ಲದೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಮುರುಘೇಶನು ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜ ಸಹೋದರರುಗೂ ಆವರ ಅಶೇಷ ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೂ ಆವರ ಅಮಾತ್ಯಶ್ರೇಷ್ಯರಾದ ತಮಗೂ ಚಿರತರಾಯುರಾರೋಗ್ಯಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸಕಲ ಸತ್ಕಾರ್ಯಸಂಸಿದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನೂ ಉರುತರ ಯಶೋವೈಭವವನ್ನೂ ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಲೆಂದು ಕೋರುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಕ್ರೌನ್ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೆಸ್, ಮೈಸೂರು.

shall most thankfully receive whatever help the Government may find it possible to render commensurate with the cost of the scheme.

The town is surrounded by huge trenches on all sides which are a menace to public health. The filling in of these cannot be undertaken by the Municipality as it is a scheme of huge magnitude. We pray that the Government may be pleased to allot a certain sum every year under miscellaneous public improvements to fill in the trenches especially the portion from the market gate to the Rangiah's gate as the High School, the A.-V. School and hostels are all situated in this area.

We understand that all unoccupied lands under the Vani Vilasa Sagara will be thrown out for cultivation and sold by auction. We would respectfully urge that this will only benefit capitalists and foreign exploiters to the prejudice of the poorer and the landless classes of the area. Hence we pray that a certain proportion of the land be reserved for being granted at an upset price to the poor and landless people of this District.

You are aware that this was one of the first Districts to realize the value of education and agree to the levy of the Education Cess; but we are disappointed to find that the opening of the University Entrance class is being indefinitely postponed. We confidently look to you, Sir, to see that the matter is expedited.

The construction of a suitable Hindustani Girls' school for Mahomedans though sanctioned by Government many years ago has not yet been taken on hand. We pray that necessary allotment may be made and the Executive Engineer be authorized to begin the work immediately.

We are now collecting railway cess. As however there is no likelihood of any railway extension being undertaken in the near future we pray that the levy of this cess be suspended till such time as the railway extension programme is taken on hand.

This being a dry District, people have to depend to a very large extent on forests to graze their cattle, and, as such, we hear with much apprehension the proposal for increasing the grazing fees. It is needless to state that this will entail great suffering to the cattle and hardship to the poor ryot. We hope that no enhancement of the grazing fee, at least so far as this District is concerned, will be approved.

Another disturbing rumour is that as a result of retrenchment this District would be abolished. Its abolition in the past was found undesirable and impracticable in the interest of the administrative efficiency and the District was speedily reconstituted. We trust that there is no truth in the rumour.

In conclusion, we thank you for your kind and patient hearing to all our wants and sincerely hope that they will receive your sympathetic consideration.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHITALDRUG.

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To

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M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Sir,

WE, the members of the Chitaldrug District Board and the Town Municipal Council, beg to offer you on behalf of the residents of the District and town of Chitaldrug a hearty welcome on the occasion of your first visit to this historic town after your elevation to the Dewanship of Mysore and we take this opportunity to express our profound sentiments of loyalty and gratefulness to His Highness the Maharaja for having entrusted the destinies of the State to your experienced hands especially at this most important and critical period in the history of the State. We have noted with interest and satisfaction your pronouncements in public and the Representative Assembly outlining your future policy especially the twelve heads under which your efforts are to be concentrated.

Before proceeding to outline our major wants, there is one question which vitally affects our interests and which we would particularly lay before you. The recent proposal of the Government to resume the Mohatarfa and the cess on Excise and Forest Revenue, if carried out, would cripple the resources of the District Board to such an extent as to render its existence impossible. We have a costly programme of public works, *i.e.*, construction of new roads and buildings and improvement and renovation of existing ones involving enhanced cost due to present high prices. Some of these works have already been sanctioned and others are pending sanction of Government while there are many other works which, though urgent, have been reluctantly kept back owing to our uncertain financial position. We would therefore respectfully urge that, when the question of resuming the Mohatarfa and the cess comes up before you, it will receive sympathetic consideration at your hands.

Now as regards our wants the first and the foremost is the problem of the supply of drinking water to Chitaldrug town. Plans and estimates aggregating to Rs. 1,58,000 are ready with the Executive Engineer. We need hardly say that a scheme of such magnitude is beyond the slender resources of this poor Municipality. Considering the urgent necessity of an adequate supply of drinking water, Government have at various times promised to help us liberally towards the construction of an up-to-date water-supply scheme. Under the present scheme the cost of which is far below that of the Kathrahal we would respectfully urge that the Government may kindly bear the whole cost of the present scheme considering that on a previous occasion Government had agreed to bear $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Kathrahal scheme which was estimated at about 2 lakhs of rupees. We are aware of the present financial stress and in case our request for the whole cost of the scheme should not be feasible under existing circumstances, we

The Dewan's reply to the address presented to him by the members of the Chingleput Municipality.

The Dewan made a sympathetic reply to the address, standing on the road by the side of his car amongst a huge crowd which had gathered on the occasion to give him a warm welcome. In the course of his reply he said:-

Taking the general condition of the Kolar District, I am fully aware that the prosperity of the ryot population here mainly depends on the efficient condition of the major and minor works which abound in every taluk in large numbers. I think I can say with some confidence that I have taken great pains to study the tank question of the Mysore State during the last few years that I have been privileged to serve in your state. And I think you will be pleased to learn that very shortly the Government of His Highness will issue an order which will, I hope, ensure greater speed in the execution of works relating to the restoration of tanks of both classes - major and minor (hear, hear.)

I have often felt that inspite of the many schemes that we have contemplated and conceived as well as those that we have introduced, sufficient progress has not been achieved in regard to this most important branch of administration. I hope that in the near future an organisation will be created which, with the help and the co-operation of the people, will see in a large measure the fulfilment of the desire of the Government of His Highness that the agricultural prosperity of the ryots should in no way be prejudiced by the delay in the execution of tank restoration works.

The Dewan then referred to the case of the Srirangam Sugars and Kangedhenu tank regarding which a complaint was made. The Dewan gave particulars of the present scheme

capacity of the tank and pointed out that much of the inconvenience now felt was due to the ~~xxxxx~~ failure on the part of the ryots to do the annual maintenance works.

"I have therefore taken some pains to gather some information regarding this important irrigation work. According to the Public Works Department opinion this tank appears to be quite adequate for the present extent if the irrigation ~~xxx~~ is made with due regard to economy and if channel offences are dealt with promptly. I understand also that the channels have been very badly neglected and cross bunds have been put up by the ryots in the distribution channels, which lead to a very large wastage of water.

In regard to the Nagadore tank, it is in a state of disrepair and the tank water is insufficient for the lands included in the extent and I understand that the people have repeatedly brought the matter to the notice of the Government and have had no satisfaction. The Public Works Department allege that this is also a case in which the annual maintenance works have been neglected."

He then continued:-

"As I told you at the beginning, the question of bringing all the tanks of the Kolar District - and for that matter ~~x~~ all the tanks of the Mysore State-- to a very satisfactory condition is now engaging the ~~xxxxxxx~~ consideration of Government. I admit there are difficulties in regard to the annual maintenance works. There are many khatedars who are not resident ryots, there are many tanks in respect of which there are parties and factions and united action is not often possible. We are taking into consideration all possible contingencies and if the ryots now will co-operate with Government and try their best to make the new rules a success, I can assure you that not only these two tanks that you have mentioned but most of the tanks of the District will, in the near future, reach a fairly efficient condition

Turning to the requests regarding the Chikballa ur Town improvements, the Dewan said :-

"I understand that there is a scheme for a sum of about a lakh and a half rupees framed primarily with view to remove congestion. So far as I have been able to ascertain from the Sanitary and the Local Self Government Department, there is no scheme submitted to Government, by the Municipality. If the Municipal Council of Chikballapur are really in earnest about the schemes of improvement that are needed for their town, I would suggest to them that the schemes should be worked out and discussed in the Council and the Senior Surgeon and the Sanitary Commissioner should be consulted, and they should be submitted in a final form to Government so that they may be then in a position to advise the Council as to the proper means of financing them. I need not remind you that when the Local self Government was reorganised in 1918, Government promised a contribution of half the cost of all ~~improvement~~ schemes in local municipalities I am glad you realise the limitations under which we are working at present proceeding to financial stringency, and I hope that you will not exact from us the full letter of that promise when you work out a scheme that may involve a very large expenditure. I therefore humbly suggest that for the present you will confine yourselves to the most urgent needs and when the finances improve and Government are able to dole out larger sums for the improvement of town municipalities, they will be able to come to your assistance in a larger measure than they will be able to do at the present moment."

As regards Banking facilities, the Dewan said, "I am glad that you are very anxious to have banking facilities for this town. The existence of a bank in a city or town, no doubt, is one of the foremost ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ indications of financial and economic prosperity of the citizens. But I must confess that your proposal seems to us to be somewhat

of a novel character. When the Bank of Mysore was first started in Channelore, I do not think that they made a request to the Highness' Government a guarantee a rate of interest on the share capital. I do not think that this is a sound economic proposition. If there is scope for raising say a lakh of rupees or two to start a bank, I do not see any difficulty whatever in your starting the bank without any such guarantee from Government. The guarantee should be the guarantee of the people. No bank succeeds with mere official subsidy or guarantee. All banking concerns succeed flourish and develop with the guarantee of the people, with the guarantee of the business capacity of the people which develops the trade and commerce and every kind of industrial activity in the neighbourhood. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~. I may however, mention that the question of extending the activities of the Mysore Bank is now under my consideration. There is a proposal to have branches of the Mysore bank in all important centres of the State and there is also a proposal that the Government should transfer to the bank their treasury work provided a suitable agreement is reached between the Bank and the Government. There is therefore the possibility of a branch of the Mysore Bank being established in the Chickballapur town in the near future.

After ~~replying~~ referring to other minor matters dealt with in the address, the Dewan concluded as follows

"Gentlemen, I am sorry I have had to detain you so long. You have mentioned many questions of importance and I dare say there are many others in the Sub Division which will attract my attention during the three days I am going to spend in your midst. All I can assure is that I shall take pains to study all these questions in great detail. I shall take pains to get into the closest touch with the people and ascertain their real grievances and I shall spare no pains to see my way to granting as far as it lies in my power after consulting the Deputy Commissioner and other local officers. (Loud cheers)

"Gentlemen, it will give me the greatest pleasure to convey to His Highness the Maharaja your message of deep loyalty to His Highness' august Throne and Person."

To

Albion Rajkumar Banerji, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

DEWAN OF MYSORE.

May it please Your Excellency,

On behalf of the citizens of Gudibanda and its outlying villages we have pleasure to welcome you in our midst and we express our deep obligation to you for having included this place among your itinerary.

Of the three eminent Dewans, who were pleased to visit Gudibanda, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer was pleased to promise that he would increase the area of the Sub-Taluk. The next Dewan, who came here camped for five successive days, improved our great tank which for its capacity is known as "Sagara" and had the feeder sources and channels repaired. Sir M. Visvesvaraya assured us, he would raise our status, as citizens of a Taluk.

We understand that he was also maturing a scheme of improving the Sub-Taluks. We were looking forward to an era of continued progress. His Private Secretary Mr. S. Hiriannaiya, M.A., B.L., is our good Deputy Commissioner now.

We welcome you, Sir, once again, as the first I. C. S. Dewan of Mysore and with your vast experience and quick grasp of details, we have every reason to anticipate that your Dewanship will be an all-round success and that under your distinguished guidance Mysore will keep up its progress and soon have a flourishing treasury.

We are grateful to you, Sir, for having given the assurance to our representative in the Representative Assembly in June last that you would visit our place before deciding on the abolition of our sub-taluk as a measure of retrenchment. We are aware of the present financial stringency and we are also equally aware that, by your keen foresight and judicious handling of affairs, you would be able to speedily restore the financial equilibrium of the State and the matter may not therefore cause so much alarm.

Our pleasure at seeing you is, however, marred by a sad fact that orders have already been passed to abolish our sub-taluk, with effect from the 1st September next, only 2 weeks and 2 days more.

Sir, with a heavy and sobbing heart, we endeavour to place our only request before you ; the reason that retained Harihar, as a separate unit of revenue administration, also exists with regard to Gudibanda as well.

Gudibanda is also a border sub-taluk on the Ceded Districts of the Madras Presidency. Further it is a hilly tract unlike Harihar and is surrounded by ghauts on all sides, has a population of 20,000 and yields a revenue of half a lakh. Its merging into Bagepalli will only make Bagepalli unwieldy and both the taluks will suffer.

Harihar and also Closepet have the advantages of rapid and easy accessibility whereas there is no prospect of a railway communication to Gudibanda either from Chickballapur or Goribidnur side.

We are easily isolated and are deprived of the benefiting influences of contact with town life and we will be lost, if the representative of the Government is to be snatched away from us by the abolition of our sub-taluk.

In these days of a wide awakening among the masses due to the spread of conflicting ideas, we feel bound to express our fears that deprivation of an officer from a place far removed from the seat of Central Government will simply add to our fears and we are afraid that we will by such a step lose the benefits of good government and personal touch of a government representative who will be better able to interpret benevolent measures of Government to us and also be able to prevent crime.

Bagepalli is far off and travelling is not easy nor comfortable.

Under the above circumstances, we earnestly pray that the proposed abolition of the sub-taluk may not be given effect to and that you may be pleased to allay our fears by retaining the sub-taluk and by this gracious order, earn the gratitude of the thousands of our sub-taluk.

We pray you to convey to our Gracious Sovereign our feelings of loyalty and devotion to His Highness' Person, Family and Throne.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

CHATRASALE KRISHNAPPA,

KERE KRISHNAPPA, KADEHALLI

SUBBANNA and others.

Gudibanda, 16-8-1922.

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To

Albion Rajakumar Banerji, Esquire,

M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Dewan of Mysore.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the citizens of Maddagiri we the Councillors of this Town Municipality beg to approach and welcome you with all the warmth which our hearts can command into this Town of ours which though situated in a remote corner of the Province being unprovided with railway connection and facilities for higher Education once earned the proud appellation of "Vidwadgrama" seat of learning.

The ancient name of this town was Madhugiri so named after the super abundance of honey which the yon majestic hill used to supply. This must necessarily pre-suppose a condition where the surrounding Nature was smiling by witnessing the flowery offerings which the Sylvan host was gratefully showering upon the parent Earth. Gone are those days and the name too having fallen upon evil days has metamorphosed itself into Maddagiri an expression which neither conveys sense nor is pleasing to the ear. It is true that the rose must smell as sweet by any other name but the fact remains that in this world of—'name and form' name lends to the thing a charm peculiarly its own. That Maddagiri may once again become Madhugiri is the fervent prayer of its law-abiding citizens.

In common with the rest of the people of the province we heartily rejoiced when our beloved Sovereign appointed you to the exalted office of the Dewan of the State, all the qualities of head and heart requisite therefor being harmoniously combined in you. We feel doubly gratified Sir, at this visit of yours undertaken to obtain a first hand knowledge of the conditions obtaining here.

Successive years of scanty rainfall have indeed reduced this once flourishing town into a most pitiable plight. Scarcity of water even for ordinary domestic purposes has had such telling effect upon the people that their chief concern day after day is how best to secure this important Element so indispensable for man's well being. The municipality owing to the paucity of funds at its disposal cannot solve this problem of so vital an interest unless the benevolent Government lends its helping hand to relieve the people from this dire calamity,

Maddagiri contributed not a little to the reputation which the District of Tumkur has earned as being very forward in matters educational, and the A. V. School here can stand comparison with any other similar institution in the Province by virtue of the useful work it has turned out during the long period of its existence justifying thereby its oft-repeated but unfulfilled request to be exalted into a High School.

Maddagiri suffers a serious handicap in so many ways from not being connected with Tumkur by Railway and a branch line opened between Goribidnur and Tumkur *via* Maddagiri will not only enhance its importance but will materially contribute to the prosperity of the area thus served.

Your keen insight into things Sir, we are sure, will convince you of the justness of our prayer and we ardently expect the early fulfilment of our cherished desires at your benevolent hands.

We respectfully beseech you Sir, to convey to His Highness the Maharaja our feelings of loyalty and patriotism. Once again we gratefully thank you for the honor you have done to this Town by this visit in spite of manifold concerns of a pressing character.

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
Municipal Councillors of Maddagiri.

Maddagiri,
16th August 1922.

Ratnakar & Co., Tumkur.

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DEWAN'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE TOWN HALL AT KORATAGERE.18th Aug.1922.

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MR.GUNDAPPA AND THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTE:-

I have great pleasure in acceding to your request to open this Town Hall this afternoon. This institution is a sign of the intelligent interest that the residents of this town take in the uplift of the people and the improvement of their general outlook of life. I congratulate the residents on their having come forward to collect subscriptions for this nice building I also congratulate the Municipal Council on having supported the scheme. I hope the Town Hall will be a great success and that it will be popular and will be largely taken advantage of by all classes of people residents here.

With these few words, I declare this Town Hall open.

To,

Albion Rajakumar Banerji, Esquire, M.A.,

C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Dewan of Mysore.

SIR,

WE the members of the Tumkur Town Municipality take this opportunity of welcoming you to this Town and to offer you our sincere congratulations on your elevation to the Dewanship.

2. We are glad to find that the liberal policy inaugurated by your predecessors regarding the election of Non-Officials as Presidents of Municipal Councils is being gradually extended and in course of time, it is hoped that the Government will accord the privilege of electing Non-Officials as Presidents of District Boards also.

3. The Town, Sir, as you will find is growing in importance. It is our privilege to bring to your notice that with the exception of Bangalore and Mysore, Tumkur stands foremost among all District head-quarters in point of Educational and Industrial activities though in the case of the latter difficulties for power supply are often felt,

4. The water supply question started 30 years ago took some definite shape in 1919 when administrative sanction was accorded by Government to Maidala Scheme. The public of Tumkur feel aggrieved at the fact that although the Government allotted Rs. 25,000, and the Municipality agreed to place Rs. 75,000, at the disposal of Government the scheme was not put in operation till now. We however hope that at least during your

regime the Tumkur Water Supply will be an accomplished fact.

5. As regards the Drainage scheme an estimate at a cost of nearly two lacs has been prepared by the Sanitary Division. The Council is not in a position to undertake the costly scheme though it is spending a sum of 4 to 5 thousand rupees annually out of its allotment towards drainage construction. The extensions which have been newly laid out stand in immediate need of good drainage, as otherwise, they fare as badly as the old town. We pray that the Government may be pleased to allot a definite sum of money for the improvement of the town year by year as was done in the case of Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga Municipalities.

6. The possibilities of supplying electric power for lighting and factories have been examined by the electric Department. An endeavour to bring the power direct from Bangalore may be made by Government early and the Council on their part are prepared to ensure a fair return on the capital investment.

7. With the increase of population there is a growing need for a well equipped maternity. It is not necessary to dilate upon its usefulness and urgency. The Council prays that early steps may be taken to supply this long felt want.

8. These, Sir, are some of the wants which have been brought to your notice for kind and sympathetic consideration.

9. In conclusion the Councillors desire to express their gratitude for your kind acceptance of this address.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants.
The Tumkur Municipal Councillors.

Tumkur
18th Aug. 1922.

Ratnakar & Co., Tumkur.

ಶ್ರೀಮ್ ಮಹಿಸೂರು ಮಹಾರಾಜ ರಾಜಾಸಾಹೇಬ್ ಬಹದ್ದೂರವರ
ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಮಾತ್ಯಪದವಿಯನ್ನಲಂಕರಿಸಿರ್ದ
ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಆರ್ಬಿರ್ಯ್ ರಾಜಕುಮಾರ ಬಾನರ್ಜಿ, ಎಂ.ಎ. ಸಿ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ಸಿ.ಐ.ಇ.,
ಯವರ ಮಹಾಸನ್ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

ತುಮ್ಕೂರು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಗುಬ್ಬಿ ಟವ್ನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಧುರೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಶಂಭುಲಿಂಗಶೆಟ್ಟಿಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವಿನಯ ಪುರಸ್ಸರವಾಗಿ ಶೃತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ,

ವಿ ಜ್ಞಾ ಪ ನಾ ಪ ತ್ರಿ ಕೆ.

ಅಸಾಧಾರಣ ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಪನ್ನರಾಗಿಯೂ, ಅಪೂರ್ವ ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಪ್ರವೀಣ ಕುಶಲರಾಗಿಯೂ, ಸರ್ವ ಸಮದೃಷ್ಟಿ ಸ್ವಭಾವ ಗಾಂಭೀರ್ಯ ಸುಶೀಲರಾಗಿಯೂ, ಸ್ಥಿರಬುದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದಕ್ಷತೆ ಗುಣಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಸತ್ಯಸಂಧತೆ ಮೊದಲಾದ ಸಲ್ಲಕ್ಷಣಂಗಳಿಂ ತೋಭಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಹಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರ ಸವಾರಿಯು ಈ ಗುಬ್ಬಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿತ್ತೈಸಿದುದರ ಸ್ಮಾರಕಚಿನ್ಹೆಯಾಗಿಯೂ ನನ್ನ ಸುಯೋಗದ ಫಲಿತಾರ್ಥರೂಪಮಾಗಿಯೂ, ತಮ್ಮ ಅಮೃತ ಹಸ್ತದಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನೆರವೇರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆಯೋ, ಆ ಛತ್ರವಾದ ಇದರ ಮೂಲಕರ್ತೃವು ನನ್ನ ಪಿತಾಮಹರು ಶಿದ್ಧಲಿಂಗಶೆಟ್ಟರಿಂದ ಸುಮಾರು ೫೦-೬೦ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಈ ಗುಬ್ಬಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಧರ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ಅಂದರೆ ವಾಪೀಕೂಪತಟಾಕಾರಾಮ ದೇವಾಲಯ ಛತ್ರ ಮುಂತಾದವುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತು ಗುಂಡುತೋಪು ಸಾಲುತೋಪುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಯಶಶ್ಶರೀರಿಗಳಾಗಿರ್ದ ನನ್ನ ಪಿತಾಮಹರಿಗೆ ಧರ್ಮಕಾರ್ಯ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಕರಾದ ನಮ್ಮ ದಯಾಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸಾಲು ತೋಪು ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಛತ್ರದ ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಿದರು.

ಈ ಮಹತ್ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಾವೇ ತಹಲ್‌ವರೆಗೂ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದು, ಈಗ ಸ್ವಜನ ರಹಿತನಾಗಿರುವ ನಾನು ಇದರ ಉತ್ತರೋತ್ತರ ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಲು ಅಸಮರ್ಥನಾಗಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವಹಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಈ ಧರ್ಮಗಳು ಸುಲಲಿತವಾಗಿಯೂ, ಚಿರಸ್ಥಾಯಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತವೆಯೆಂಬ ಈಶ್ವರ ಪ್ರೇರಿತಸಂಕಲ್ಪವುಳ್ಳವನಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅರಿಕೆಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ಪ್ರಕಾರ, ಸದರೀ ಮಾನ್ಯದ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಪೂರಾ ಆಕಾರ ಬಂದು ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಮೊದಲಿದ್ದ ಈ ಛತ್ರದ ಶಿಖಸ್ತಾದ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ನನಿಗೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ರೈಲ್ವೇ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಬಳಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂರು ಸಹಸ್ರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಅಂದಾಜಿನ ಬೇರೆ ಛತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರೊಸೀಡಿಂಗ್ಸನ್ನು ನಾನು ಶಿರಸಾವಹಿಸಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡು ಅದರಂತೆ ತಜವೀಜು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಪೂರ್ವದ ಶಿಖಸ್ತಾದ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಈ ನಿವೇಶನ ಶೇರಿ ೨,೬೦೦ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯ ಮಾಡುವುದರಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೆನು. ಅಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲಿ ಡೆ|| ಕ|| ಮೆ|| ಆನಂದರಾವ್ ತಿರ್ಸಿಯವರೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅಮಲ್ದಾರ್ ಮೆ|| ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಯರೂ ಸಹ ಆಲೋಚಿಸಿ, ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಬಳಿ ಮುಸಾಫರ್‌ಖಾನೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ, ಪ್ರಯಾಣೀಕರಿಗೂ ಅನಾಥ ಜನರಿಗೂ ಇಳುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವ ಛತ್ರವೂ ಊರೊಳಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದರ ಅಭಾವವು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ತೋರುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ, ಪೂರ್ವದ ಈ ಛತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕೆಡವಿ, ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಗಿರುವಂತೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುವುದು ವಿಹಿತವೆಂತ ಭಾವಿಸಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಖರ್ಚನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ಅವರ ಸಲಹೆಗೆ ಧರ್ಮೈಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪಿ, ಡೆ|| ಕ|| ಸಾಹೇಬರವರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಘನ ಸರ್ಕಾದವರು ಅನುಮೋದಿಸಿ ಅಸ್ತು ವಾಕ್ಯವನ್ನು ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಿದರು.

ಪೂರ್ವೀಕರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಧರ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯವು ಆಚಂದ್ರಾರ್ಕವಾಗಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದೇ ಪರಮ ಧರ್ಮವೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಜಾನುರಾಗಿಗಳಾದ ಅಮಲ್ದಾರರವರು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಿಸಿ ಬೋಧಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಧನವ್ಯಯದಮೇಲೆ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯವಿಡದೆ ಸುಮಾರು ಹನ್ನೆರಡು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ವರೆಗೂ ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡಿ ಈ ನೂತನ ಛತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮಹಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ಇದರ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾದಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ದಿನ ಸಾಂಗಗೊಳಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ, ಇದರ ಮೂಲಕರ್ತ ಶಿದ್ಧಲಿಂಗಶೆಟ್ಟರ ನಾಮಾಂಕಿತವನ್ನು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಇದರ ಯಾಜಮಾನ್ಯವನ್ನು ಘನ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇ ವಹಿಸಿಕ್ಕೊಂಡು, ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ ಮಾನ್ಯಭೂಮಿಯಿಂದ ಈಗ ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯದ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನಿಂದ ಇದರ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟು ಮೇಯಿಂಟಿನೆನ್ಸು ಸಹ ನಿರ್ಬಾಧಿಕವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುವಂತೆ ಬಂಧುರವಾದ ಏರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾದ ಪುಣ್ಯ ಕೀರ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಾಧ್ಯರಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಮಹಾಸನ್ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರಿಗೂ ತಮ್ಮ ಅತೀಷ್ಟ ಕುಟುಂಬ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೂ ಸದಾರೋಗ್ಯ ನಿತ್ಯೈಶ್ವರ್ಯ ದೀರ್ಘಾಯುಗಳನ್ನೀಯುವಂತೆಯೂ, ತಮ್ಮ ಉನ್ನತಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅವಧಿಯು ದೀರ್ಘವಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದು ರಾಮರಾಜ್ಯದಂತೆ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸುಖಸಂತೋಷಾದಿಗಳು ವೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆಯೂ ಜಗದೀಶ್ವರನು ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಲಿ ಎಂದು ಸದಾ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುವ.

DEWAN'S REMARKS AT THE OPENING OF THE SIDDALI[illegible] A SETTY'S CHATTRAM AT CUBBI.

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21 st Aug.1922.

Mr.Siddalinga Setty.

(I am sorry I cannot speak in Kannada.You must excuse me for that. I hope the Amildar will be able to give a brief abstract of what I say, afterwards.)

I am very pleased that my visit to Cubbi has synchronised with the completion of the work which you so generously undertook for the benefit of the townspeople and visitors to Cubbi. I see you come from a distinguished ancestor - your grandfather - who was generously-minded and who did not hesitate to spend a good portion of his large fortune for the good and for the benefit of his fellow citizens. I am glad that you trying to follow in his footsteps and have come forward not only to perpetuate his memory but also to carry on the good work that he was doing in his lifetime, after you have succeeded to his inheritance. It is very pleasing to note that, irrespective of the cost, you agreed to the proposal made by the Deputy Commissioner that this old chattram should be renovated and handed over to Government for management. It is also very pleasing to note that you have contributed very largely, to the extent of about Rs.30,000 both to the 5½%, 6% and 7% State Loans. I congratulate you on your public spirit and on the good example that you are showing to your countrymen.(Cheers.) I am very glad to note that you not only do not believe in leading a life full of selfishness but are desirous of sharing the riches and good fortune in which God has been pleased to place you, with others; and you also take a keen public interest in all public movements and you are an active member of the Municipal Council here. I hope that the good example that you are showing will be followed by others. I am very glad that you

have taken the opportunity of my brief visit here to invite me to open this Chattram and I am pleased to be able to accede to your request. I also consider that your proposal to name the Chattram after your noble grandfather is a very wise one.

With these words, I have much pleasure in opening this Chattram and to name it after Mr.Siddhalinga Setty. (Cheers.)

To

Albion Rajkumar Banerji, Esqr.,

M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Sir,

We, the members of the Tiptur Town Municipal Council, accord to you our most sincere and cordial welcome to this Town which is one of the most important centres of trade, especially in cocoanuts and copra.

You are the first member of the distinguished service to occupy the high position of the Dewan of our State. It will be too presumptuous on our part to speak of the high qualities of your head and heart and of the invaluable services you have rendered as First Member of Council and the high sacrifices you have made in the interest of our State.

The population subject to the administration of this Municipality has been steadily increasing and the Town is growing in importance and commercial activity. In view of its rapid development in all directions, we pray that Government of His Highness the Maharaja will be pleased to give the following facilities to the Town:—

1. The establishment of a High School and the permanent maintenance of a trained graduate Head Master on Rs. 50—4—70 in the A.-V. School.

2. The location of the Head Quarter of the Revenue Subdivision at Tiptur.

3. The transfer of the Additional Munsiff's Court now located at Tumkur to Tiptur.

4. The water-supply question is an old grievance of this Town. It is an urgent need. The tank is the only source of water-supply to the Town. During summer the difficulties are great, owing to the tank and the wells getting dried up, and when the tank is full, sickness in the Town prevails to a large extent. These considerations press for the speedy and satisfactory disposal of the water-supply question.

5. There is absolutely no drainage for the Town. On this account this Town is becoming more and more malarial every year. We pray that the Drainage Scheme for the Town may be caused to be expedited.

6. The posting of a Medical Officer of the status of an Assistant Surgeon and the opening of a Maternity Hospital.

The quality of the cocoanuts grown in Tiptur and the adjoining Taluks is so high that it is commanding the highest price in the Northern Indian markets but the quantity produced is very inconsiderable when compared with the Western Coast and Ceylon. We are of opinion that there is large scope for extension of cocoanut cultivation. As a first measure, we venture to urge on the necessity of throwing open for cocoanut cultivation all the suitable lands wherever they are available whether in Excise reserves or Amrut-Mahal Kavals, etc. In this connection we beg to invite your attention to the desirability of bringing into existence as many large landed estates as possible and also a special experimental garden.

These are some of our urgent needs brought repeatedly to the notice of the Government and we hope that your present visit will be marked by the realization of our long-felt expectations for which the people of Tiptur in particular and those of the Taluk in general will ever be under deep debt of gratitude to you.

We, once again, extend to you, Sir, a most hearty welcome to our place and pray that the Almighty God may bless your endeavours with complete success.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

A. Krishnaswami Rao, President.
Nanjesa Gowda, Vice-President.
B. S. Ramaswamy.
K. R. Narasimha Murty.
K. Ramakrishnaiya.
Singri Nanjappa.
Mahamed Dastagiri Sahib.
G. K. Gurappa.
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Speech made by Mr. Anniah, Chickanhalli in requesting the Dewan to name the Chickanhalli Agriculture School on the 23rd August 1922.

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Sir

It is my proud privilege to welcome you to this humble hamlet to perform the pleasant function of naming the institution after the name of our beloved Maharaja ~~the~~ Sir Sri Krishnaraja Woodayar Bahadur G.C.S.I., G.C.B.E.

The idea of starting such an institution originated with the late Mr.Ugre Gowda, my adoptive father. With this object in view, he approached His Highness' Government about the year 1910 when this building was nearing completion to open such an institution and name it after the beloved name of His Highness the Maharaja.

But unfortunately he did not live to see his ideas ~~xxxxxx~~ materialise as he passed away about the year 1912 before the completion of this building.

After him the task of completing the building devolved on myself and Mr.Munilingappa according to the terms of the will left by the Late Mr.Ugre Gowda. We completed it in the year 1916 and apporached the Covernmert of His Highness the Maharaja to open an Agricultural school there in. The benevolent Government of His Highness the Maharaja readily granted our prayer and this institution was opened in August 1916 by His Highness the Yuvaraja ~~of~~ Sri Narasimharaja Wadayar Bahadur G.C.I.E.,.

The necessary conveyance in favour of Government could not be completed owing to circumstances which I then thought were beyond my control. Some time after this the whole situation was altered and I was therefore enabled to effect the necessary conveyance which I did on 28th July 1922. By this I have placed the whole building at the disposal of Government, and I hope Sir, that I will be able in the near future to pay up the balance of the promised endowment.

The only other intention of the donor which was unfulfilled was the naming of the institution after the name of His Highness the Maharaja and so I approached you, Sir, through our kind and sympathetic Deputy Commissioner t to obtain His Highness' permission to name the institution after his beloved and illustrious name and you, Sir, to kindly perform the pleasant function of naming the same.

It only now remains for me to request you, Sir, to unveil the tablet and in doing so I pray that you will see your way to convert this very useful institution into a Government institution and sanction the necessary addition in the shape of out-houses etc. which are very urgently required.

In conclusion, Sir, I pray that you may be pleased to convey to His Highness the Maharaja my respectful and heartfelt gratitude for readily granting my prayer and I thank you, Sir, for finding time to go here among your oth pressing engagements at considerable personal inconvenience

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Maddagiri Municipal Council.

The next point you refer to, I see from the address, is the opening of a Branch Line connecting Goribidnur and Tumkur via Maddagiri. Well, railway developments have always been the ambition of the Mysore Government. I think during the past few years they have developed a very large system of railways, and I do not see why your interests should not also be considered (Hear, Hear)

But we have so many large schemes on hand just now. We have borrowed largely from the Mysore people to carry out those schemes to a successful termination. Till those schemes are completed, it is very difficult for me to promise that railway extension to Maddagiri will be taken up in the near future. Some of the works that were started, such as the Mysore-Chamarajnagar and the Shimoga Arsalu lines, though in the course of construction had to be suddenly stopped owing to want of funds. But this project of connecting Maddagiri with the existing system is quite a feasible one and if at any future time it is found possible for the State to provide capital, there is no reason why this extension should not be taken up.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tumkur Municipal Council.

The Maternity question is not a very difficult matter but when the proposal to construct a Maternity was first mooted, the difficulty about a site arose and the cost of the site to be acquired was estimated at Rs. 10,000. This together with the P.W. estimate for the maternity, made the proposal at that time prohibitive. I understand now that the Senior Surgeon has approved of an extension to the present Female Dispensary to accommodate 12 in-patients with the necessary Labour and out-houses at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,000. The District Board and the Municipality also, I understand, have promised to contribute their quota. If the position is as stated by me, then I have no doubt that --- Government will also come forward with their quota to make this revised scheme an accomplished fact in the near future.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tiptur Municipal Council.

As regards the establishment of a High School, I can only repeat the assurance that I have given to the townspeople of Maddagiri that if the people here would guarantee at least 30 pupils for the 4th form, I shall consult the Education Department and advise them to make a beginning for the establishment of the Upper Secondary classes in the Tiptur Town.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tiptur Municipal Council.

The second point referred to by you is the question of the transfer of the Additional Munsiff's court now located at Tumkur to Tiptur. I understand that when the same representation was made on a previous occasion, the reply given was that the Munsiff's Court at Tumkur was still a temporary one. It has not been -- definitely decided that it should be made permanent. When Government pass final orders as to the permanent retention of that Court, the question of removing it to Tiptur would be duly considered. But I May indicate the possibility of not retaining the Court as a permanent measure

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tiptur Municipal Council.

The question of posting an Assistant Surgeon to the local Dispensary is a purely departmental matter. I shall however consult the Senior Surgeon and see whether your want in this respect cannot be met.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tiptur Municipal Council.

As regards the main agricultural problem of cocoanut cultivation, I have, during my tenure as Member of Council and President of the Industries and Commerce Board, taken a certain amount of interest in the Cocoanut industry of the Tiptur Taluk. The present extent of the cocoanut gardens in this Taluk is over 20,000 acres. The desire on the part of the people to further develop cocoanut cultivation is certainly one that ought to receive the support and encouragement of the Government. The question is how that encouragement should be given. The suggestion that is made in your address that all suitable lands available whether in the Excise Reserves or in the Amrit Mahal Kavals should be thrown open for cultivation will be examined. I do not know whether all the surrendered Amrut Mahal Kavals are fit for cultivation. Probably they are not. As regards the date reserve groves, they are most valuable and are the mainstay of excise revenue. I am not in possession of any details to give you just now definite information in regard to releasing Amrul Mahal Kavals and date reserves for cocoanut cultivation. But the question of finding suitable lands will be referred to by me to Dr. Coleman, Director of Agriculture and it is likely that further lands which are suitable for cultivation will be released by the Amrit Mahal Department owing to the reduction of the Amrit Mahal herds under the scheme of retrenchment, I shall see that the scheme for cocoanut cultivation and further development of cocoanut undustry in this neighbourhood is carefully considered in allotting lands that will henceforward be set free.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Tiptur Municipal Council.

You have requested that the headquarter of the Revenue Sub Division should be located at Tiptur. When I first came to the district, I was no doubt somewhat surprised that the Sub Division Officer of Gubbi had his headquarters outside his Sub Division. I asked the Deputy Commissioner why this was so. The Sub Division Officer of Gubbi has got within his charge the taluks of Gubbi, Chiknaikanahalli and Tiptur and the Sub Taluk of Turuvekere. It cannot be gainsaid that Tiptur is a very important taluk in this Sub Division. I think it is the most populous also of all the municipal towns in the district outside the headquarters. I consider that in these circumstances your request is not an unreasonable one. But at the same time, the change of headquarters of revenue officers entails a lot of confusion and expenditure. Evidently, a new office building will have to be constructed at Tiptur and at the present time you cannot expect me to give you any promise that in the near future Government will be able to spend money for the transfer. But in the general readjustment on revenue taluk charges and improvement in the district administration, in regard to which I am now making a detailed study, I give you a promise that I shall bear in mind your request and see if it cannot be favorably considered.

Extract from the Dewan's reply at the opening of the Krishnarajendra Vyavasaya Patasala, Chikkanahalli.

It is only in the fitness of things that the school which was opened by His Highness' august brother, H.H. the Yuvaraja six years ago, should now come to be established on a more firm footing, and I hope that the school with the co-operation of yourself (Mr.Annaiya) and other leading men of this neighbourhood may one day be a central middle school agricultural institution for all the maidan districts of Mysore Indeed as you have handed over the whole endowment, buildings and appurtenances to Government, the Government must do their part of their duty in this respect. It will, I am sure be now developed as a Government institution with increased stafff and equipment and the necessary provision year after year for further development and progress. In that respect, I can give the assurance as head of the administration that so far as any assistance that may be required from Government is concerned, it will come forth in due course.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address of welcome presented by the members of the District Board, Chitaldrug.

In regard to the question of resuming the Local Fund and Mohatarfa revenue which was transferred to the District Boards in 1917, the representation is not a new one. At the last session of the Representative Assembly, the question was discussed and Government have given the assurance that they will carefully examine District Board finances and ascertain how far the alarm and apprehensions of the District Boards that such a resumption will seriously cripple their resources are really well grounded. I hope, while I am here, to look into the finances of the Chitaldrug District Board and if it is proved to my satisfaction that the resumption of those items of revenue will to a very appreciable extent cripple the resources of the Board and prevent them from carrying out the large works of improvement for the benefit of the whole district which they have in contemplation, I shall certainly reconsider the matter.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the District Board and Municipal Council, Chitaldrug.

Project for the supply of good drinking water to the Chitaldrug town.

There is just a possibility so far as I can see from the papers that a cheaper scheme for an improved supply of water to the Chitaldrug town which may cost very much less. If that be the case - and I wish to go into the question with the Municipal Council if they will kindly meet me for discussing the matter - then in the immediate future there may not be any difficulty in financing the scheme. The Municipality have a sum of nearly a lakh and a half with them. At the present moment, it will be impossible for His Highness' Government to promise to give a definite sum towards the new project. But I give you this assurance that so far as the finances of any one year may permit, we shall try and carry out the promise of giving at least half the contribution for such improvement works in every important town in the State in accordance with a declaration made some years ago.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the District Board and Municipal Council, Chitaldrug.

The filling up of trenches around Chitaldrug seems to me to be somewhat of a small matter in comparison with the water supply project. I have no information as to how much it is likely to cost. But if the Municipality will prepare a detailed scheme and submit the estimates to Government and suggest the carrying out of the improvement, say in the course of five or six years, offering themselves to come forward to give a substantial grant out of their resources I shall see if it is not possible for the Local Self-Government department to give any special grant for this work.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the District Board and Municipal Council Chitaldrug.

Taking the particular request, however, regarding the opening of an University Entrance Class in Chitaldrug town, I shall consult the Inspector-General of Education whom I hope to meet at Davangere and then let you know whether it is possible, under the present circumstances, to establish the class.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the District Board and Municipal Council, Chitaldrug.

The want of a building for the Hindustani school is not peculiar to the Chitaldrug town. Every place I have seen, I have noticed that of all classes of schools in the State, Hindustani schools are the worst. Then come the poor Girls' schools. If at the present moment I could carry out my wish of giving every Hindustani school and every girls' school a decent building, I think I should spend straightaway about 15 to 20 lakhs of rupees. However it is necessary that such wants should be brought to my notice. I hope to inspect these schools during my stay here and in regard at least to district headquarter institutions which always should prove a model to taluk and village institutions, I shall see that at a very early date, institutions of all grades are provided by the Education department with suitable accommodation, suitable building, suitable equipment and other suitable appurtenances.

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Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the District Board and Municipal Council, Chitaldrug.

As I came along, I received a representation that the charges that the Forest department are levying for the kammara leaves should be remitted. I shall bear in mind the circumstances relating to the Chitaldrug district and before final orders are passed regarding the enhancement of grazing fees, I shall see that the representation is fully considered. In that matter, I can also assure you that the whole question of grazing facilities is now being examined, and if it is possible to change the rules or introduce new systems by which the people of Chitaldrug can have better facilities for grazing, I shall be only too pleased to give them to you.

Extract from the Dewan's reply at the laying of the foundation stone of the Government High School Building at Davangere.

I am sorry to find that there is no grant provided in the P.W. budget this year for this particular work. But I find that the P.W. department has given its consent to the proposal for starting construction immediately and we shall see that not only the provision made by the public is fully utilized, but I shall also give orders that in case it is possible that amount may be suitably supplemented by re-appropriation.

There is one other point and that is the question of the cost of acquisition. I understand that the Municipal Council at the initial stage promised to bear the whole cost of acquisition But subsequently they have made a representation to Government that Government may be pleased to bear half the cost which comes to about Rs.4000. The matter has not been disposed of yet but I will anticipate the orders of Government, and considering that there is so much public spirit in this town, direct that half the cost of acquisition may be paid by Government.

Extract from the Dewan's reply to the address presented by the Davangere Municipal Council.

I have just gone round the educational institutions of your town and I entirely sympathise with the feeling that has been expressed in the Address that all these institutions are now suffering for want of accommodation. After the High school is built and the High school classes are moved from the A.V. school building, the situation will no doubt to some extent be eased. Nevertheless the complaint that some of the schools, specially the Hindustani and Girls' schools, are very much cramped for want of space, is well grounded. I shall see what action is possible at least in the year 1923-24, in respect of providing additional building grants for schools throughout the State. Nothing has come to my notice more prominently than during this tour than the hopeless inadequacy of accommodation for educational institutions in the districts that I have visited; and in the allotment and distribution of the money that may be found for this important pose, I shall bear in mind the claim of Davangere for a reason share.

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